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# Board moves to get junk food out of schools

**SHERYL LOUCKS**
*Staff Reporter*

Cash strapped elementary schools depend on money generated from vending machines and hot lunch sales of hot dogs or often pizza. Yet, as child obesity rates continue to rise, the local school board has agreed to start changing what is offered to kids. Sugary drinks from vending machines will be the first to go.

Gerrard Kennedy, Minister of Education, recently announced his plans to get rid of junk food and sugary drinks in elementary schools but Trillium Lakelands District School Board was one step ahead of him. The board had already formed a nutrition committee working to give kids nutritious options and to get them more physically active. Dale Robinson, TLDSB superintendent, says kids and nutrition is a hot issue.

"I've had more calls about this than the EQAO (standardized testing results). There's a big move in education to control vending. I think California has outlawed vending machines in elementary schools. It's an important topic that seems to have struck a chord with people," said Robinson.

"The most important thing is to train young people in healthy eating habits and regular physical exercise routines. We've been so focused on the academic side of learning that now we need to branch out to look at the whole student and their health."

However, the flip side of the issue is that hot food lunches and vending machines raise much needed cash for schools.

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# *Dysart Official Plan clearing last hurdles*

**SHERYL LOUCKS**
*Staff Reporter*

Setbacks in Dysart's new Official Plan (OP) were questioned by Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing during a recent meeting between a MMAH official and council.

Sheldon Laidman, MMAH municipal planning administrator, said the ministry's goal is to have setbacks for all development 30 metres back from the high water mark. He advised Dysart staff and council that "it's wonderful you've been vigilant to get 20 metres back" but he wanted to see them get all development as close to 30 metres back as possible.

Reeve Murray Fearrey challenged him as to why the ministry would push the setback but then not give municipalities vegetative buffer controls so they could stop people from clearing trees, shoreline vegetation and creating green lawns with fertilizers that leach into lakes. Laidman dodged the question by responding his office was happy with the wording in Dysart's OP around shoreline protection.

Fearrey also asked if the OP could order septic beds to be 30 metres back and Laidman said

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DARREN LUM/Echo

**The sweet sounds of Christmas:**
Katrina Chvedukas was one of the 21 children in the Haliburton County Children's Choir who sang the Reindeer Rap, written by Sally K. Albrecht, expressing the undervalued reindeer's efforts during the holiday season at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 14. The choir was led by Lauren Mcinnes and Melissa Stephens.

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The second week of the Christmas RIDE initiative by the Ontario Provincial Police has shown drivers to be on their best behaviour. During the week of December 5 to 11 officers stopped 171 vehicles. No drinking and driving related charges were laid during this time. Eight charges were laid under the Highway Traffic Act. The officers investigated five property damage motor vehicle accidents as well. The RIDE program will continue until January 2.

The amazing Dr. Patch Adams portrayed by Robin Williams in the movie Patch Adams is coming to Trent University in February. Dr. Adams founder and director of the Gesundheit Institute, a free health facility, uses his experience as a street clown in his work as a physician. He will be speaking about the relationship between humour and health in a two and a half hour long funny and inspirational presentation on Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Peterborough Showplace. For tickets, $25 apiece, call 742-7469.

If anyone wants to find out more about Tammy Lee's trip to Mozambique or how to reach out to help others, you can contact her at tammyhlee@yahoo.com or by phoning her at home in San Diego, California, 858-274-8265.

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**Frodo fame:** Local resident Scott Jarrett is thinking of changing his name to Frodo of the Lord of the Rings novel, made more famous because of the final movie to the trilogy-expected to be released around the world later this month. Jarrett's friends have nicknamed him Frodo because of the similarity of his looks

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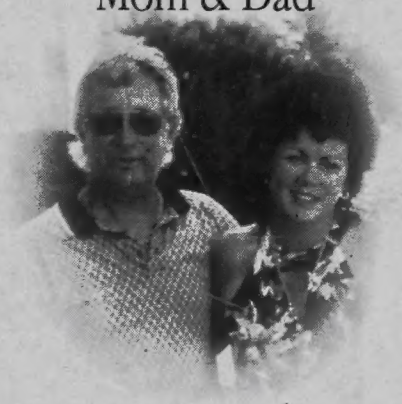

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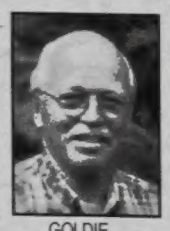

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# Board tackles healthy eating

## *Challenge is to change kids' ideas of what food is 'fun' and to get them more active*

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Robinson did not have details of how much money is generated but he said it would "be a huge financial loss" to ban vending altogether. Kennedy's speech targeted boards with exclusive contracts worth millions of dollars such as an agreement between Coke and the Peel public school board that generated $1.4 million this year alone for the board. Robinson says TLDSB does not have an exclusive contract with one company but some schools within the board do.

He says Coke sponsored some of the development of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's recreation centre so it was decided there could be a small Coke logo on the scoreboards in the gym. The board, he says, is currently looking at developing new policies around corporate sponsorships and partnerships because it is part of TLDSB's strategy to seek out such alliances.

As for the new TLDSB nutrition committee, one of the first things the local committee did was to examine what is offered kids through vending machines and hot lunch programs at schools. Rosie Kadwell, Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit dietitian, sits on the committee. She and another colleague did a survey of TLDSB elementary schools and had a good 44 per cent return on the surveys.

The results show half the schools had high sugar drinks in their vending machines. Rick Thorne, Archie Stouffer Elementary School principal, says until recently vending machines in the school sold pop but Coca Cola decided this year to switch products in their machines to water, sports drinks and Fruitopia. He says the school also has fund-raising pizza lunches once a month with pop but has now switched to water.

"We're offering stuff (junk food) that doesn't fit into the course of what we're teaching kids about nutrition. It will be nice to see some better modelling on our part," says Thorne.

Mike Burke, JD Hodgson principal, says two large vending machines have been in the school for two years. He says there is room for improvement in what the school offers kids. He added that while pizza parties used as an award will likely continue, they could strive to offer better hot lunches and are looking at changing what is available in the vending machines.

Kadwell says that what many people do not realize is that they are allowing their kids to drink "liquid candy" when they give them Fruitopia sold in local school vending machines. Fruitopia, she says, has only two tablespoons of real juice and 10 teaspoons of sugar in a 200 ml serving. She says Five Alive, Sunny Delight and some other popular "juices" are equally full of sugar and have almost as much sugar per serving as a can of pop.

"These drinks are full of empty calories and not a lot of energy. They dull the appetite for nutritious food and promote a need for more dental care. Young children in elementary schools at their level of activity don't need sports drinks. One hundred per cent juice or water is good enough," says Kadwell.

She added children need calcium to build strong bones and should be drinking more milk than sugary fruit juices. Traci Hubbert, JDH vice-principal and nutrition committee member, says her school has a milk program where students can buy milk but not from a vending machine.

Kadwell says her other main concern is hot lunch programs. In other areas of the school board, she said, her survey discovered schools ordering lunches from Pizza Pizza, Dairy Queen and McDonalds. Locally, JDH gets hot lunches from the Haliburton High School Cafeteria. Kadwell says there is still a concern that those lunches are high in fat, salt, and often lacking in vegetables and fruits.

"As a parent it would be wonderful to see my kids getting a whole wheat roll and hot lunch that is nutritious and still supporting the school," says Kadwell.

Kadwell says kids and parents are bombarded with so much advertising about buying and eating food that is not nutritious that it is hard to resist them. She said Quebec recently passed a law banning advertising directed at kids. As a society, she said, we need to stop giving kids mixed messages about what to eat. She says healthy food can be just as much "fun" as junk food.

Hubbert says the healthy snack program offered in all of the local schools has been a huge eye opener for her. As the vice-principal she often deals with discipline and says there are fewer discipline problems on Tuesdays and Thursdays when kids have healthy snacks provided. She has also noticed one of her classes, which is notoriously wild, is always better behaved after a healthy snack.

"It's so important to offer kids healthy choices; it makes a noticeable difference in their level of focus and behaviour. And kids will eat it. We had fig cookies the other day and a lot of the kids were reluctant to try them but then they did and loved them. They ate every last one. We have celery filled with cream cheese instead of cheese whiz and topped with gold fish crackers. They love it. It's all about presentation," says Hubbert, backing up Kadwell's fun food theory.

She added that it is equally important TLDSB's new committee also works on fitness for kids. One of the programs they are using at JDH is called Recess Revival and was developed by the Health Unit. Hubbert says she has noticed kids go outside for recess and stand around. "It's like they've forgotten how to play." Her school is purchasing Krazy Carpets for them to toboggan on, as well as skipping ropes and balls. They are trying to encourage the kids to be active and to run around.

One of the main goals of the committee, says Robinson, is to establish a baseline study of how active kids are now. He explained they want to know what kids are doing now for physical activity and find ways to raise that level. Robinson says another aim of the committee is to establish a guideline for schools as to what levels of fats and sodium are acceptable in what the school provides kids.

Bob Orr, TLDSB chair, says he wants the board to ensure there is a physical education teacher in every school. He says "We are really concerned about obesity in students." Orr added that the board is very supportive of breakfast and snack programs and would like to have those programs offered in the secondary as well as elementary schools.

**Making healthy choice**

J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School continues to offer the option of purchasing cartons of milk, as held by milk monitor Grade 7 tudent Madison Robinson, through the milk program. Milk is an alternative beverage choice to vending machines offering mainly soda and energy drinks. Two juice options are sold as well in the vending machines.

# Dysart working on final details to bring new OP into effect

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the ministry was successful recently at an Ontario Municipal Board hearing in having a developer ordered to put a septic 30 metres back. Fearrey asked the ministry to take care of any OMB challenges if Dysart wrote the 30 metre setback into its Official Plan, but Laidman, like a fine sailor, tacked his sails and evaded any promises, saying only that the ministry would strongly support the municipality.

Laidman tried to get council to agree to putting all new houses 30 metres back but Pat Martin, Dysart's planner, explained that would be difficult in situations like the west shore development of Kennisis Lake where within the same zone one house built last year would be 20 metres back but the undeveloped lot beside it would have a 30 metres setback. The situation would likely be deemed unfair and be challenged.

Fearrey proposed a compromise which would see septic systems put 30 metres back, houses on existing lots 20 metres back, and on new lots, 30 metres back. Laidman seemed agreeable and said he would take the proposal back to his superiors.

Another hot issue was the threshold for requiring an archeological study. Laidman says the 10 lot mark in Dysart's OP is too high. Laidman said traditional native settlements tend to be around lakes, and this has caused a problem for municipalities in the Canadian Shield which are peppered with lakes. He conceded that the provincial rules for when an archeological study is needed would apply to almost every waterfront application in Dysart - an expensive and unwieldy expectation.

Laidman stood firm that the province was committed to being respectful to First Nations and not developing on top of Ontario's cultural inheritance. He suggested the municipality consider doing a large archeological study for the entire municipality like Muskoka has undertaken.

Martin says Muskoka spent an enormous amount of money for that study and then the ministry did not agree with their findings. She said Dysart would need a strong commitment from the ministry before undertaking a large study the ministry might not support when planning decisions are made.

Deputy-reeve Bill Davis said he would not be in favour of doing a study because "we don't have native groups here."

Tony Usher, planning consultant, says the options are to do a study, negotiate an acceptable number of lots that would trigger the need for a study, make the decision based on each lot application, or use the provincial criteria which would demand a study for most lots. His own recommendation was to negotiate a number.

Laidman said the smallest number he could find in any agreement between a municipality and the ministry was three lots. Martin told council a baseline archeological study for a single lot would average between $2,000 to $5,000 if nothing of significance was found on the lot, but the cost would go up significantly if something is found.

Laidman reminded council that requiring the study is the only way for the province to "find out about these things," referring to interesting archeological finds. He also warned council that the City of Kawartha Lakes did not require archeological studies and is now being sued by a First Nations group.

Laidman and Usher agreed to negotiate further on the issue.

Laidman's good news for council was that he investigated two old mines near Haliburton village and has discovered it will be acceptable for Dysart to take them off their maps. That was viewed as good news because there is a ministry requirement of 1,000 meter development restriction around mines that would have affected the village.

There are still four other mines in Dysart but he did not expect them to cause problems. As long as a developer can prove there is no hazard associated with developing within the 1,000 meter buffer the development would be approved, Laidman said.

Dysart's OP must clear these last hurdles at the ministry before the plan is officially approved and enacted.

# *911 maps may not list private roads*

**SHERYL LOUCKS**

*Staff Reporter*

Private roads may not be listed on new maps of the county available to the public, Stephen Foster, 911 coordinator warned Dysart et al council.

Foster said the Ministry of Transportation has been ordered by provincial court to remove private roads from maps after the MTO was challenged by private road owners.

He intends to make a digital "product" or map, available next year. Foster said the 911 office gets daily phone calls from people requesting the 911 map, the most updated and detailed available.

He has also received feedback from some groups who do not want their private roads named on a public map.

Foster asked Dysart council to consider changing the Donald Road back to the "Old Donald Road." Dropping the "Old" has caused some confusion for drivers who assume the road is a direct link to Donald, which it is not, Foster said. Since there is no new or other Donald Road, Foster said he has no objection to the switch back.

Some councillors did though. Bill Davis, deputy-reeve, said the 911 committee went through an extensive and difficult public process to decide on road names and they should not change them. He qualified the comment by saying he had no specific objection to the Donald request.

Council decided to look at the change with a list of later amendments and to pass the existing slate of road names in a new naming bylaw.


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# Casting call goes out for Sound of Music

The call for actors has been issued by the Highlands Summer Festival for the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical *The Sound of Music*, which will be part of the Festival's program this coming summer.

"Auditions are scheduled for January," music director of the production Melissa Stephens said, "but with the high degree of interest and the preparation some people will want to put into it, we thought we would issue the audition information now rather than wait for the new year."

The casting call is for over 20 singing roles and five non-singing parts. The size of the cast will vary with the number in the nun's chorus.

"We will be holding the auditions over two weekends," dramatic director David Mills said. "The call for the adults will be on Saturday and Sunday January 17 and 18 with the children auditions scheduled for the following weekend." There are six children's roles (the role of Liesel, the oldest of the seven youngsters, will be auditioned with the adults) including: Fredrich age 14; Louisa 13, Kurt 10, Brigitta 9, Marta 7, and Gretl, the youngest.

Audition packages are available from the Clarica Office in Haliburton and *The Times* office in Minden or on the Festival website at www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca Auditions for the Festival's dramatic presentations, *Thriller of the Year* and *The Perfect Rhyme*, will be held in early March.

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## Rotary gives:

The Rotary Club of Haliburton provided the 4Cs Food Bank with an extra reason to cheer this Christmas with a $1,250 donation presented by Rotarian Derek Knowles to 4Cs board member Peter Forgrave. The total amount was reached through a $500 donation through members and a $750 donation made by Rotary friends and former members at the recent Christmas party.

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# Developer plans duplex buildings on Hodgson farm

**SHERYL LOUCKS**
*Staff Reporter*

A new 106-lot development is being proposed for the old Hodgson farm on North Kashagawigamog Road.

Jim Dymont from Meridian Planning presented the plan to Dysart et al council recently on behalf of Beacon Corporation which owns the property. Dymont explained he was looking for council's comments before officially submitting an application for rezoning of the property on behalf of his client. A creek divides the farm so the development is split into the larger east side and smaller west side.

Dymont said the proposal envisions duplex buildings to be built into the contours or hills marked on the topographical map for the farm. All of the duplexes planned would have a view of the lake with a dense mature forest buffer from 100 to 150 feet between them and the already developed lots on the shoreline.

The proposal for the west side is for a small cluster of six unit duplex buildings. On the east side would be a couple of development phases including four and six unit duplexes, all within Dysart's three story height restriction. Dymont says Dysart's official plan sets out no more than 15 units per acre and this development proposes approximately three units per acre on the 30 acre farm.

He said Beacon has retained an environmental consultant to do the required study and he expected the completed study within a week. He also advised council of Beacon's intention to put drilled wells on the property but the units would also require a water treatment system that, under the new Municipal Act, would ultimately be the responsibility of Dysart. The plan includes storm water ponds.

In response to councillors' questions Dymont said the developer intends to leave the creek untouched with the exception of a pedestrian bridge between the west and east side of the property. The developer also wants to put in one common-use dock outside of sensitive fish areas on the shoreline.

Councillors asked what the ownership arrangement would be of the duplex units but Dymont did not have an answer. He said construction would not be slated to begin until the spring of 2005 and the development would be done in phases. There are also plans for a pool, tennis courts and a community centre on the property but Dymont did not go into details about them. The first stage of the development would be the west side of the property.

DARREN LUM/Echo

## 'Tire' toys

Nelly Ashworth, Bank of Montreal Haliburton branch manager, is grateful to the community for contributing $350 worth of Canadian Tire money to the bank to purchase toys for children in the community this Christmas. The toys will be distributed by the 4Cs.

# Property assessments said to reflect 2003 values

All property owners in Ontario recently received their Property Assessment Notice. The assessments are based on property values as of June 30, 2003, and will be used by municipalities and the province to determine 2004 municipal and education taxes.

Assessments are based on the estimated selling price of a property at a specific time – the amount of money a willing buyer would give to a willing seller for the purchase of their property. Current value assessment is used by assessment jurisdictions in most provinces and other countries. The previous assessment update was conducted in 2003, based on June 30, 2001 property values.

"To determine whether your assessment is right, ask yourself if the assessed value on your notice is a reasonable estimate of what your property could have sold for on June 30, 2003," says Carl Isenburg, Vice-President of Customer Relations at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). If the answer is yes, then this is a good indication that the assessed value is accurate. "Please remember, your 2003 assessed value reflects changes in the real estate market over the past two years, June 30, 2001 to June 30,2003." Isenburg added.

Property owners who receive an assessment that is higher or lower than their previous one will not necessarily see a corresponding increase or decrease in their taxes. Much will depend on whether their municipality increases, decreases or leaves unchanged the tax rate applied to their property class.

"It is important to understand that the total amount of taxes collected by your municipality depends on the municipality's revenue needs, not on the value of property assessments within a municipality," explains Isenburg. "Our job at MPAC is to make sure every property is assessed accurately using a common valuation date, so that property taxes are distributed fairly among all property owners."

Property owners who think their property has been valued incorrectly can contact MPAC toll free at 1 866 296-MPAC (6722) to verify details about their property. If a property owner still has concerns, they may ask MPAC for a reconsideration of their assessment. There is no fee for a Request for Reconsideration and the request may be made any time before December 31, 2004.

# Moose FM seeks okay for Eagle Lake repeater

**SHERYL LOUCKS**

*Staff Reporter*

The signal for Moose FM 93.5 may be improving in Haliburton County if the Canadian Radio and Television Commission approves an application by Haliburton Broadcasting Group Inc.

Christopher Grossman, Haliburton Broadcasting Group president, has applied to the CRTC for a new radio repeater in Eagle Lake to rebroadcast CHMS-FM, which is the Moose currently covering Haliburton and Bancroft. His plan is to put broadcasting equipment on an existing radio tower in Eagle Lake in order to improve the signal and better service the communities of Minden and Haliburton.

Grossman says this application is part of the natural growth of his chain of 14 radio stations in cottage country. He says the decision to install the new equipment is not due to competition from other stations such as newcomer non-profit Canoe FM. The application needs to be approved by the CRTC and Industry Canada before plans can proceed. Approval may take six months to a year.

Dave Sovereign, Canoe station manager, says they do not have any listener statistics yet because they went to air as the ratings were done by a broadcast measurement company in Toronto and Canoe could not participate.

"We know we've been met with a positive reception because we have plenty of e-mails, letters, calls and people who walk in our door and tell us how much they appreciate the station," says Sovereign.

He says they were recently made aware of Grossman's application but it will not interfere with Canoe. He said Canoe has a five-year lease for their space on a privately owned Eagle Lake tower so Grossman's plans will not bounce them off. He also explainedthat Industry Canada also ensures radio stations' signals do not cut into each other.

Sovereign says he's not concerned about Grossman's expansion plans and its impact on Canoe. He insists Canoe's mandate is to be different and local so he does not see Moose as competition.

"You're not going to hear seven hours of local programming on any other radio station on Christmas Day. Maybe we're crazy but that's our plan. That's what we're working on right now," says Sovereign.


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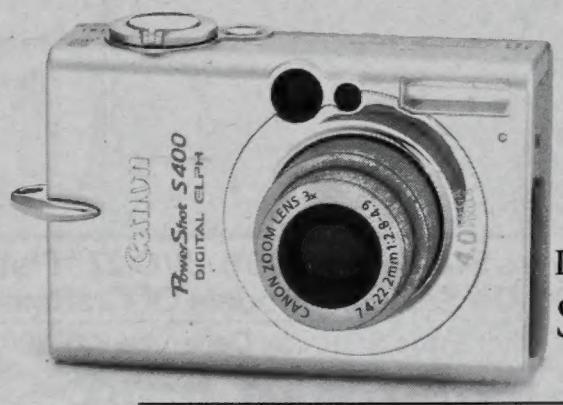

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## The eyes have it

Norman Gemmell, left, receives an award from Dorothy and George Heath on behalf of the Canadian Diabetes Association for his success in using insulin for 32 years. One in three diabetics will show signs of eye disease when they are first diagnosed but those who tightly control their blood glucose levels will dramatically reduce the risk of eye damage, says Dr. David Stone. The optometrist was the guest speaker at a recent "How Healthy Are Your Eyes?" evening put on by the local diabetes support groups. Gemmell was awarded a certificate and framed print. He says it is a pleasure to receive the recognition after what he and his wife have been through living with diabetes.

# Loggers ignore bylaw

**MARTHA PERKINS**

*Editor*

Four logging operations have commenced without the proper procedures being followed and the county has hired its former tree cutting bylaw enforcement officer to investigate them on a part-time basis.

Torben Michalsen left the county in October to take a forestry job in the private sector but has been working Saturdays to help the county until his replacement can start working.

Under the old and new bylaws, logging operations involving more than 10 acres must first be filed with the county. This is to allow the county to inspect the cuts to ensure that its bylaw is being followed.

In at least four instances since Michalsen left, this procedure has not been followed, county council learned at its November meeting. The county was notified of the cuts by either private individuals or lake associations.

Michalsen tried to find the people responsible but since his investigation corresponded with hunting season he did not have much luck. Logging had been suspended for a few weeks and he was unable to talk to the people involved.

He will continue to try to meet with the loggers at the four sites.

Later in the meeting, council agreed to hire a young man from Highlands East, Adam Barkovitz, to replace Michalsen. Barkowitz has been studying for a forestry degree at Lakehead University while working at various forestry jobs. It was felt his knowledge about forestry and his conciliatory personality made him the best choice.

"I think he'll do an excellent job," said Highlands East Reeve Keith Tallman.

Meanwhile, county councillors stressed that the purpose of the new tree-cutting bylaw, which it passed on Wednesday, was not enforcement.

"It's not about stopping work, it's about sustainable forestry," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey.

"We've come up with pretty sound recommendations," Warden Ross Rigney said. "The success of this new bylaw will be communication."

Rigney also praised the process of formulating the new bylaw, noting that meetings were well advertised and attended and that the county took many of the loggers' concerns into consideration when drafting the new bylaw.

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# The healthy way

Monkey see, monkey do. Children need more than an explanation of the Canadian food guide to learn how to make healthy food choices or being pushed outside at recess to learn how to keep fit. Parents and school boards need to work together to teach kids how to feed their bodies and keep them strong.

And if you're about to stop reading and skip to the next article because you don't have kids, consider this: the total direct cost of obesity to the Canadian health care system was estimated at more than $1.8 billion in 1999 by the Canadian Medical Association Journal. A Statistics Canada study released last year found that one-third of Canadian children aged 2 to 11 were overweight in 1999 and about half of them were obese - putting them at high risk for diabetes and coronary disease.

*echo* **editorial** — *sheryl loucks*

Some interesting facts from this study: child obesity rates climbed dramatically in the five year study period; girls who live in the same household as an obese parent were nearly six times more likely, boys three times more likely, to be obese than kids living with parents who were not obese. Monkey see, monkey do.

No one is saying it is easy to get picky, culture-conscious kids who are bombarded by slick advertising to drink apple juice instead of pop or not to consume junk food. The local Health Unit can help, though. The unit has fun recipes for healthy food for kids available to parents, and a "Food For All" guide to free or low cost food for families living on a tight budget.

A group of creative and dedicated volunteers are also helping by putting together breakfast or healthy snacks for kids in all of the elementary schools in Haliburton County. These programs are supported by the Trillium Lakelands District School Board and corporate sponsors and donors.

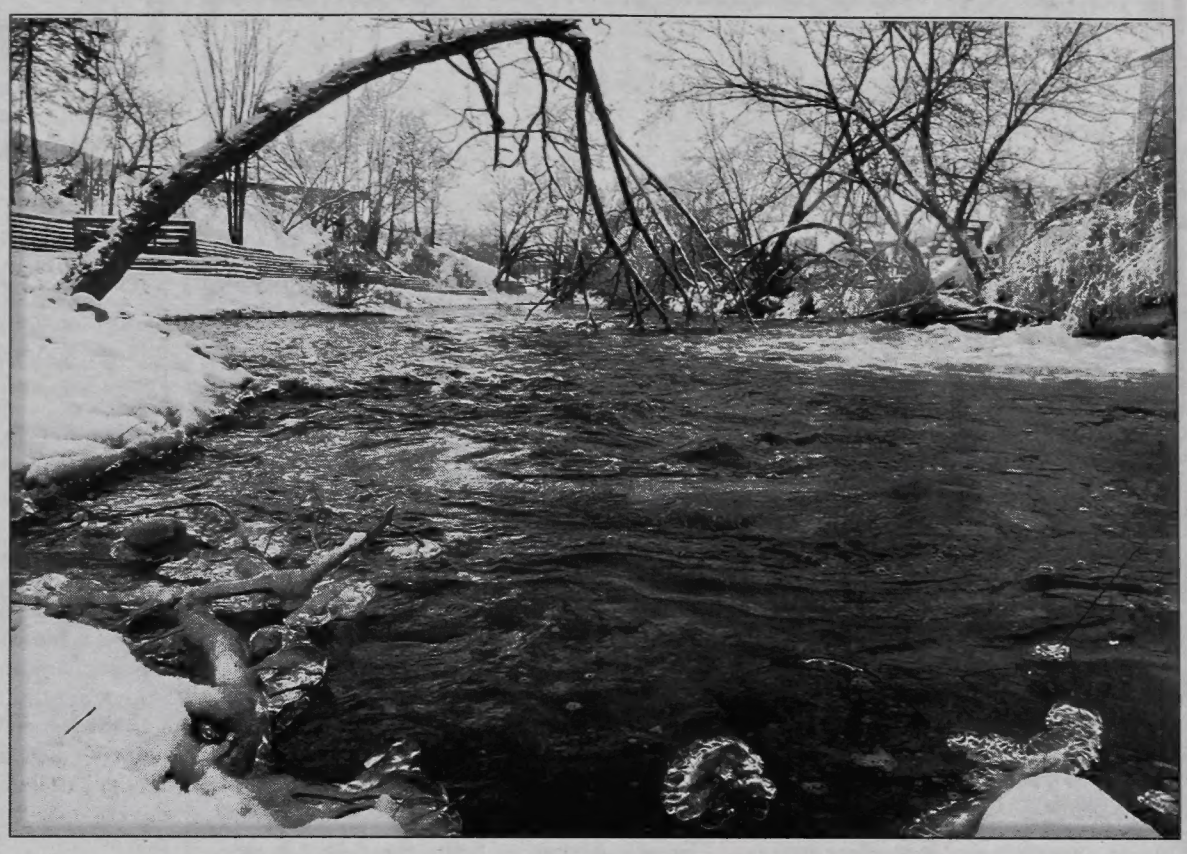
School staff report that these programs are extremely popular: kids gobble up the snacks and are often better behaved, with a higher concentration and energy level. However, kids are sent a mixed message when they walk out of a classroom after being fed celery sticks and find in the hallway a vending machine selling pop, or a fruit drinks with an equal amount of sugar. Then, later in the day, they eat a pizza or hot dog lunch high in fat and sodium but low in nutrition, a lunch used as a school fundraiser. It is one of the more unfortanate realities in education today. Schools often do not have enough money for playground equipment and sports programs that keep kids fit so they use money from vending contracts. The companies supplying the machines fill them with high sugar beverages, defeating the physical fitness advantage. A new TLDSB nutrition committee is negotiating with companies to put water and 100 per cent juice in the vending machines instead.

Bravo to them, but the real answer would be to have the Ministry of Education give boards enough money to pay for physical education teachers, sports equipment and programs so that schools would not have to rely on vending revenues. The StatsCan study suggests access to phys ed classes averaging 18 or more minutes a day doubles the odds of children remaining active.

The nutrition committee is also looking at ways to get kids playing more actively at recess and working exercise into their day. The board is looking for enough money to pay for better physical education programs. Parents should do their part by encouraging kids to walk the dog, take them tobogganing, go outside and build a snowman, shove them out the door and lock it behind them. Okay, that might be going a bit far. But showing them how to have fun by being active is not.

At a recent Christmas party sponsored by the Stanhope Fire Department, a line of parents and kids stood at the refreshment table laden with donations of cookies, dessert bars and goodies. Every single adult went straight for the sweets and the tiny fingers behind them followed. The cracker and cheese platter was almost untouched.

Monkey see, monkey do.



**Drag River** *photo by DARREN LUM/Echo*

# The value of traditions

We bought a package of newfangled hangers, the only kind available, for our old Christmas tree ornaments last week. They will do the intended job but only by modifying them. Does this mean that if we were to buy new ornaments our old hooks would not work? Then we will no doubt do as the industry wishes, throw out those redundant, old things and buy the new - losing the memories that are contained within the shiny balls, the wooden horses, the glowing angels. Maybe some such insignificant item made obsolete, because some part is no longer available, will be enough for us, the gullible shoppers, to say STOP.

*marion hare* **perspectives**

We do seem almost powerless to oppose one of the most remarkable marketing ploys ever invented - continuous, planned redundancy. We are forced to keep on buying. Examples proliferate. Take children's tape decks for example. What a wonderful gift idea! Buy first the tape deck and then, for subsequent celebrations, give tapes as gifts. Not now! The tape deck may still function but new tapes can no longer be bought. "Why, kids are all into CD players now," we are told. " Buy one of these and there are lots of choices of CD's". Once more, perfectly good parts will be helping to fill up the garbage dump. We will also be helping industries to fill up their coffers.

All of us have examples of this practice, from the tiny to the huge: Mason Jar lids for preserving jars, a staple for many decades, no longer available, to cars that cannot function because needed parts are no longer manufactured.. Choice, that wonderful image of modern life, instead of being given to the customer as the media constantly tells us is the case, is in fact being narrowed and manipulated to maximize profits. The operative words now are 'new' and 'different', implying that such are part of our modern world of PROGRESS - a badly misconstrued interpretation of a perfectly simple concept.

This now seemingly almost unstoppable merchandising monolith, to which we all must bow, may just have met a foe it cannot defeat - Christmas and its essence - tradition. Oh yes! Christmas, 'tis the season when we are most vulnerable to the sales pitches, and media displays. But as the Grinch found out, "Christmas is just a little bit more."

Throughout the Christmas celebrations, traditions, kept alive by memory will shape much of the festivities. Traditions very gradually evolve through the decades, adding, changing, as families merge, but keeping the essence alive. It is the time we share our world with the generations back through time even as we celebrate the season. An acquaintance in South Africa, where the weather is very hot at Christmastime, decided one year not to heat up the kitchen and sit down to a hot meal, but to serve a cold variation of the traditional foods. She was told in no uncertain terms by her family never to so tinker with that aspect of Christmas again

It is this powerful urge within most every one of us that may gradually swell enough to become a force that will begin to influence the marketplace. Traditions, such as those at Christmas, may be our last defense against the profit-driven moguls who care little for our preferences but much for their bottom line. Let us hope that our determination to cherish tradition may be strong enough to withstand the continual media blitz that insists that new and different are essential ingredients in this our so-called progressive society.

May Christmas with its traditions that help us stay rooted, show us the way back to common sense.

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# Wake up calls

It was 4:03 this morning when I heard the first loud knocking. Panic crossed my mind. I immediately thought that this could not be good – that only a psychotic thug or an overly ambitious Jehovah's Witness would come knocking at such an early hour.

"Darling, will you get that?" I cooed to my wife. "I'm sure it's for you."

"You get it," she snapped. "She's knocking on your forehead."

I opened my eyes and focused on Carmen - my four-year-old daughter - rapping impatiently on the barren spaces of my noggin.. This explained why it sounded so loud.

"Daddy," she said, "it's about time that you woke up. I was beginning to think no one was home."

"I've been thinking that for years, sweetheart," said her mother. "And I'm still not convinced otherwise."

*tales from*

*steve galea* **vinegar hill**

I growled involuntarily and then looked at Carmen, who was doing a little two-step.

"What's wrong?" I asked.

"I've got to go to the bathroom. Come with me. I'm scared." She blurted this out in one quick breath, thereby punctuating the gravity of the situation.

"Carmen, there's no reason to be afraid."

"Come with me!" she pleaded. "I don't like the dark."

The rest of the trip was uneventful. We walked down the stairs hand in hand and I stood diligently outside the door while my little girl answered nature's call. I then carried her to bed and tucked her in. But through it all, scattered recollections of that time in my life settled on me like grain-fed pigeons to a statue. And, suddenly, I realized what goes around comes around.

The year was 1966 and I was 4. Mom had just put me to bed. But, as I settled into the blankets, terrible thoughts began to creep into my previously unoccupied mind. Earlier that evening I had caught yet another snippet of a news broadcast from Vietnam where the combat correspondent was reporting from the midst of a firefight. Automatic gunfire and explosions went off all around him and the cameraman ran alongside a bloody, tattered man who was being evacuated from the field. It was violent, terrible carnage. And, if I heard him right, they blamed it on the gorillas.

I had been seeing bits and pieces of these newscasts for the last little while and, though my parents often scooted me out of the room, I saw enough to understand that these gorillas were not at all friendly. Combine this with the Curious George books we were reading at school and the planned trip to the zoo and, perhaps, you could understand my apprehension and confusion. Other kids at school were feeling the same.

It didn't help that my cousin Brian, who carried the wit and wisdom of someone exactly one year older, told me that the Viet Cong (whoever they were) had trained gorillas, to fight against guys who, quite frankly, must have been good since they wore the same uniforms as our GI Joes.

Word got out in the schoolyard: be careful around the monkey bars. If the gorillas attack, it'd surely be there first.

Soon this became the talk of kindergarten. "The gorillas are unhappy," someone would say just before nap time. "They've got guns and bombs too."

"All we've got is snowballs! And we're not even allowed to throw those," we lamented.

This simple thought kept us savvy kindergarten scholars wide awake. In a last ditch effort, snow forts were erected and intelligence gathered. We even considered enlisting the girls to charge into the first simian wave yelling, "Kissing tag, kissing tag!" Later, after we heard of the Geneva Convention, we abandoned this idea as far too cruel.

"What are we going to do?" someone asked. "My mom says that they've got gorillas at the zoo now."

"Maybe that's why they're mad. Maybe they've got friends in those cages."

"What if they get out?"

"Bring extra bananas for snack time. They like bananas," someone suggested.

"If they take over the monkey bars, all we can do is try to make them our friends."

The problem was, we all knew that this plan had already failed miserably with the third graders. Even after we offered them the dregs of our Halloween treats, they still never gave us time on the swings. Yet there was a glimmer of hope – we'd heard a teacher remark that third graders were only slightly less civilized than a pack of apes.

To make a long story short, we stockpiled bananas in our cubby holes until an attentive janitor took notice. It took a bit of explaining, but we quickly learned that they were a different kind of gorilla and we had no need for fear.

Soon after, I stopped knocking on dad's forehead at four in the morning. Which is just as well, he'd had enough of that monkey business.

## pic *of the* past

In sharing this photo of George Roche, "Harburn's Grand Old Man", Tom Hodgson tells us that in 1939 George celebrated his 103 birthday. He was born in Peterborough in 1836 and spent most of his life in the logging industry – half of which he worked for the legendary Mossom Boyd.

When Napoleon closed the ports of Europe to Britain, the British government looked to Canada for pine timbers for ship building. The history of Haliburton County began with the search and logging of our large white pine. George Roche made three trips over Quebec's Lachine Rapids with the great rafts of square timbers bound for Britain. George became known for his bravery in dealing with dangerous log jams.

For local people, George was best remembered as a cook renowned for his great doughnuts and pies. He settled opposite the Harburn School with his wife. They rarely missed church and never allowed a child to go hungry at the nearby school. He was one of Haliburton's storied and great citizens.

## *letters* to the editor

# Politicians can't serve two masters

**To the Editor:**

Re: The Youth Vote: Editorial by Martha Perkins, *Echo*, Tuesday, December 9, 2003.

When one elects to run for public office at any level of government, he or she is going to be required to commit him or herself to carrying out the responsibilities of that office and the duties it entails. When one is elected to public office he or she should know the terms of the job description, as it were, and the compensation that the office pays. Your editorial suggests that it isn't democratic if an individual can't run for public office because of his or her main occupation and compensation for same demands that he or she give full attention to that job. I would suggest from my experience in the political arena that no one individual can serve two masters and give 100 per cent to both. There are other options.

Many employers grant leaves of absence for individuals seeking and elected to public office with terms of that leave determined between employer and employee. Your suggestion of increased compensation for positions on Council to attract others than those retired has merit but

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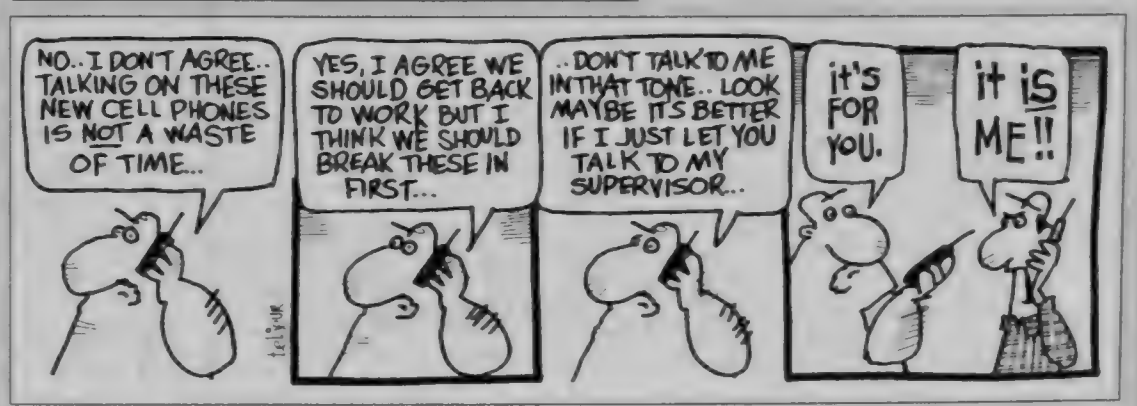
*Boonieville* by Charlie Teljeur



# *Public should decide what reeves, councillors are worth, reader says*

*from page 11*

to suggest that those who ran in the most recent election, whether in the work force or retired, as attracting monkeys, for the compensation offered, is a personal insult to those who hold public office.

Have the roles of Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillor changed since amalgamation just over three years ago? In my opinion they have and the work load is greater demanding more time to do a responsible job. With that in mind the 'job' as your editorial states is probably worth more than it is presently paying but what should those numbers be?

The major difficulty with this issue is the fact that Dysart and County Councils both gave themselves raises well above the rate of inflation and well above, I would suggest, any raises that members of the work force in either the public or private sector in Haliburton County have received over the last three years or are likely to receive over the next three years. It's this kind of action that leaves a bad taste in everyone's mouth when it comes to politicians to all levels. Other than the dollars involved, how many people in Haliburton County were able to increase their salaries between 40 to 100 per cent for the next three years.

The last Minden Hills Council saw fit to set compensation for members of Council by raising salaries and expenses by 2% for each of the three years of its term in office. This was done only after a negotiated settlement with our union local had been reached and represented the same percentage increase received by our employees. Granted this may not be comparing 'apples to apples' as other municipalities may not have union locals with who to negotiate.

If members of Councils are so concerned that we underpay ourselves, we should in fact be asking for independent reviews of compensation levels, relative to our own municipalities, for all five Councils across the County with input received from the public incorporated into those reviews. Use those independent reviews and public input and be prepared to support, amend or reject the recommendations in the public forum when we next run for public office.

Should this issue be raised at Minden Hills, I will not support the dollar or percentage increases which other municipal and County councils have seen fit to give themselves.

Finally, your editorial states that Murray Fearrey is a committed politician. Lack of mention of anyone else from any municipality in Haliburton County, is insulting the integrity of the elected representatives of this County but more importantly, it is insulting the integrity of the electorate who elect the rest of us to public office.

**Respectfully submitted,**
**Peter E. Oyler**
**Councillor Ward One - Minden Hills.**

## Liability affects hikers

**To the Editor:**

Hikers are not liability free!

Last week two hikers died hiking in Quebec. This past weekend another hiker fell off a cliff and was killed on the Bruce Trail. Sad to be sure, but perhaps the hikers should carry liability insurance like the motorized users that typically are covered by both club and personal atv/snowmobile/motorcycle insurance as required by law.

**Crystal Stevenson**
**Local ATV Rider**

## Calls on swans welcome

**To the Editor:**

I would like to thank the many people who have called me asking if my swans had been able to come home. Yes, I got a permit to clean up the east side of the Old Mill pond of logs and debris. The Trent Waterways put a log in the dam to do the work; it lowered the current in the culverts and after over five months up the Irondale River home came the swans.

**Mabel Winder,**
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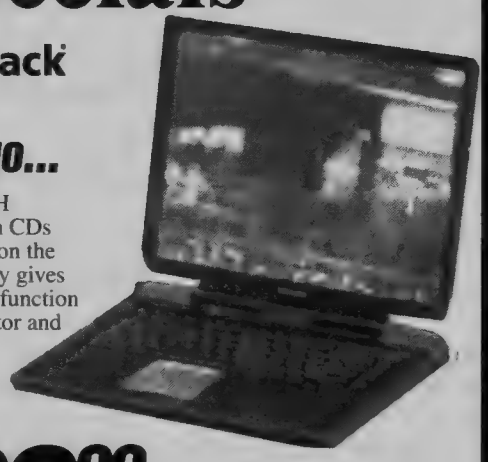

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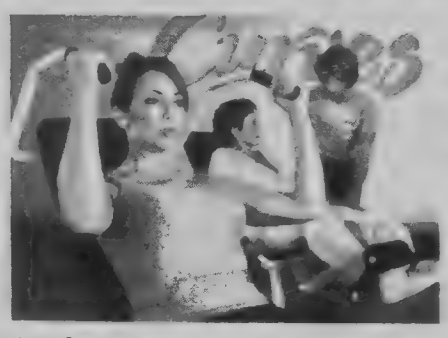

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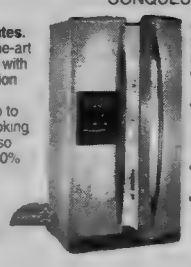

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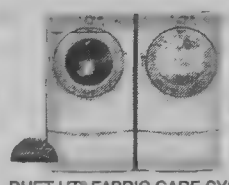

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# Highlands East council gives itself a raise

**SHERYL LOUCKS**
*Staff Reporter*

The following are brief reports from the inaugural meeting of Highlands East council on December 9.

SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo

Highlands East's new council is ready to serve its community. They are: Deputy Reeve Bill Howe, Reeve Keith Tallman, Councillors Suzanne Partridge, Rick Forget, and Donna Graham

### Council remuneration

Council voted themselves a raise. The previous remuneration for council was $15,000 for the reeve, $12,000 for the deputy-reeve and $10,000 for councillors. The rates respectively have gone to $20,000, $16,000 and $13,500. Members of council will also be paid an additional .35 cents per kolmetre for the use of private vehicles while on municipal business.

### Deputy-Reeve

Bill Howe was chosen by the new council via nomination as their new deputy-reeve. Councillor Rick Forget suggested that he had no doubts Howe would represent them admirably but did think council should reopen the floor for nominations at the end of the second year of the current three year term. His reasoning was Reeve Keith Tallman is unlikely to run again and Howe may not run again either so it would be beneficial if someone else on council could have county council experience in the third year of this term. His suggestion was approved.

The council also discussed the idea of changing the position of deputy-reeve, to being "at large" and voted on by constituents. Howe warned that would require adding another member to the council table which they were not in favour of or reducing the four wards to three. He suggested eliminating a ward would be "very dangerous."

Tallman said the provincial government has been considering eliminating the ward system so perhaps it was something to consider. He also commented that he thought a few municipalities had already eliminated wards in order to make amalgamated municipalities function as one body instead of each ward representative looking out for the interests of just their area instead of the entire municipality.

No final decision was made about the issue.

### Accessibility Committee

Howe volunteered to sit as Highlands East's council representative on the Haliburton County Accessibility Committee. He says the committee's report this fall on accessibility obstacles in the county's four municipalities "covers everything from soup to nuts." Howe commented some areas covered in the report need more analyses.

Clerk Sharon Stoughton-Craig also reminded council they still need a representative with a disability of some sort from the community to sit on the committee. Their efforts to recruit someone had so far been unsuccessful.

### Hydro Poles

A new agreement with Hydro will require the municipality to pay Hydro a small rental fee in the neighbourhood of $2.00 for anything the municipality might hang on a Hydro pole like a banner, Christmas decoration, or street light. Howe quipped they should charge Hydro rent for putting their poles on municipal property.

### Community Events

Stoughton-Craig recommended a staff member attend a conference to learn how to hold successful fundraisers and community events. She said the municipality can not keep losing money at events like Country GoodTimes. Forget says they need to look at the benefit of the events to the community with a preference that they break even. Howe commented they seem to be losing an uphill battle in getting people to participate in community events.

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| St. John's, Irondale | 9:30 am | Prayer & Praise Communion |
| St. James', Kinmount | 11:15 am | Sung Family Eucharist |

**Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

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| St. Paul's, Minden | 7:00 pm | Family Holy Communion |
| | 11:00 pm | Midnight Eucharist & Carols |
| St. John's, Irondale | 7:00 pm | Family Christmas Service |
| St. James', Kinmount | 9:00 pm | Family Christmas Communion |

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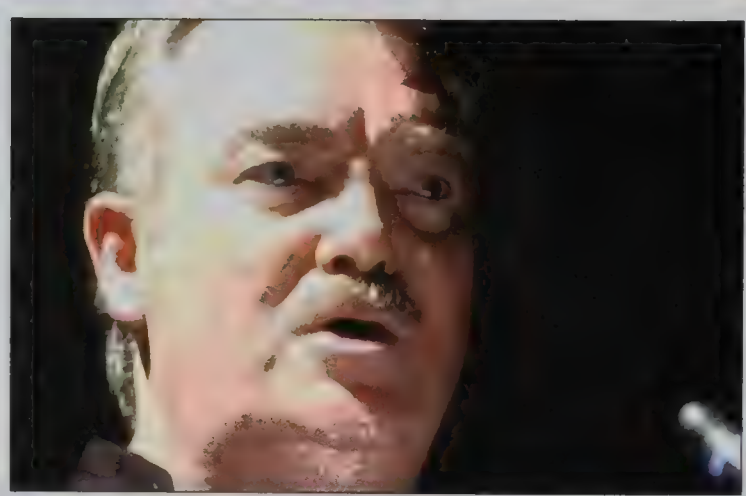

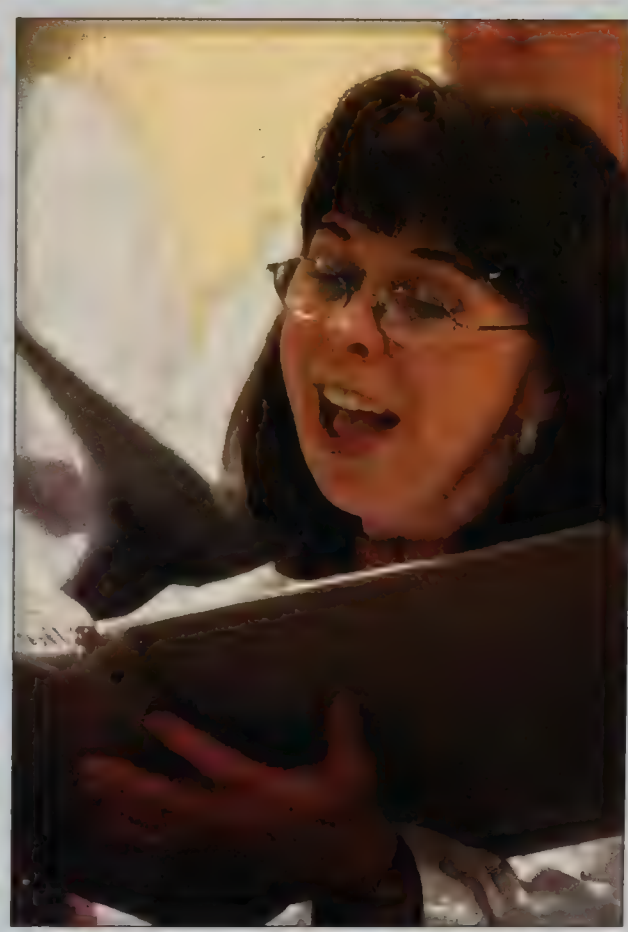

The pews were packed for A Christmas Festival of Readings and Carols at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 11. The Rev. Christopher Grieves said the welcome and opening prayer for the ceremony. The church choir sang such songs as Mary, How Could You Have Known? and were accompanied by the audience with favourites such as Hark, the Herald Angels Sing and God Rest You Merry Gentlemen to name but a few. Michael Browne, Janet Bottum, Daniel Chumbley, Andrew Wherry, Curtis Eastmure and Shane Dibblee performed the parts in the reading of the abridged version of Encounters at Bethlehem.

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# Red Hawks grab tie from depths of defeat

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It was only a matter of seconds separating the Red Hawks from defeat when Benji Saunders scored the dramatic tying goal.

There was a little more than 22 seconds left in the game when the Red Hawks stared down defeat in the face and won. With HHSS goalie Andy Dawson on the bench for the extra attacker, Evan Kernohan skated the puck out of the defensive end and dished it off while in the neutral zone just as he was hit to Josh Fick who then found winger Jesse Johnson up the wing, crossing the blue line. Johnson took the puck and flipped a cross ice pass to an open Saunders in full flight down the wing. Saunders broke in on a partial breakaway and let loose a low wrist shot, sliding it under the Mustang's goalie for the equalizer and the tie.

The tie maintains the team's unbeaten streak and a stranglehold on the Kawartha AA division lead with 15 points. The Kenner Rams are 3-3-1 with seven points in second place.

Saunders was a scratch in the team's last game when he was sick with cold-like symptoms.

The Mustangs have only allowed three goals in five games before this game, but surrendered nearly double that total to the high flying Red Hawks.

Both teams started slowly with most of the play in the neutral zone. The goalies faced very little. The Red Hawks didn't get their first shot of the game until the final minute of the first period.

Down two goals by the end of the second period the Red Hawks were continually being frustrated by the Mustangs goalie. Every shot the Red Hawks threw at him he handled easily and his defensive unit cleared most rebounds.

At 11:36 everything changed. Kernohan danced his way into the neutral zone and passed it to Saunders who went to the net with a defender draped on him and got off a weak shot. Johnson, trailing on the play, picked up the rebound and shot it past the prone goalie, 2-1.

In the opening minutes of the third period a screened Dawson let a deflected point shot sneak by him on the blocker side, putting HHSS down two goals.

HHSS forward Benji Saunders scored the tying goal to preserve the team's unbeaten record. The team remains first among Kawartha AA division teams.

"I didn't see a thing," Dawson said.

He didn't let the goal faze him however. There were nine minutes left in the game when the 6'-plus Red Hawks goalie stood tall in the net. The Red Hawks were killing a penalty when Dawson kept his team in the game by using his pads to stop two separate low shots from the point.

A little over six minutes left the Red Hawks pressed for the equalizer. Matt Roberts went to the net and rewarded his team with a powerplay when the Mustangs backchecker bodyslammed him down to the ice in the slot. On the subsequent powerplay Kernohan had three successive shots at the Mustang's goalie who easily turned them away.

HHSS defensemen Adam Hutson let loose a cannon from the point and was also turned away with a blocker save. Seconds later, Hutson went low for the blocker side and beat the goalie, but missed the net to the groan of the throngs of fans.

The momentum built from that penalty continued for the Red Hawks. At 1:02 coach Yake pulled Dawson. Even with the extra attacker the Red Hawks were not able to get a good chance until the final 22 seconds when Saunders sent the fans happy.

Both teams remain undefeated. The Red Hawks have a 7-0-1 record while the Mustangs left Haliburton 5-0-2.

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# Red Hawks return to earth

## *Wildcats shoot down home town high fliers*

**DARREN LUM**

*Staff Reporter*

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The three pointer spelled the difference in the Red Hawks defeat as they fell heavily to the Wildcats in their second home game of the season.

A seven minute scoring drought in the second quarter built a deficit that the Red Hawks were not able to recover from. It virtually ended the Red Hawks chances; however it did not slow down their efforts to get back into the game. The Wildcats moved the ball well and sank three pointers from all over the court in the game, shooting nine as a team for 27 points, almost half their game total.

The first few minutes of the game were closely contested.

HHSS point guard Conrad Flatman started the game with a three pointer at the top of the arc for an early 3-0 lead. On the subsequent play a Wildcat player drained a 15 footer for the deuce and then added two more after Red Hawks centre Brad Mickle missed a jump shot in the lane, giving the visitors a brief two point lead.

Forward Ross Gerry drew the turnover a few second later, taking the charge in the lane on the very next play. The excited crowd of nearly 100 watched and cheered the second Red Hawks lead of the game when Flatman dribbled into the Wildcats zone and sent a no-look bullet pass to Mickle, alone in the key, to get off an easy lay-up for the one point lead, 5-4.

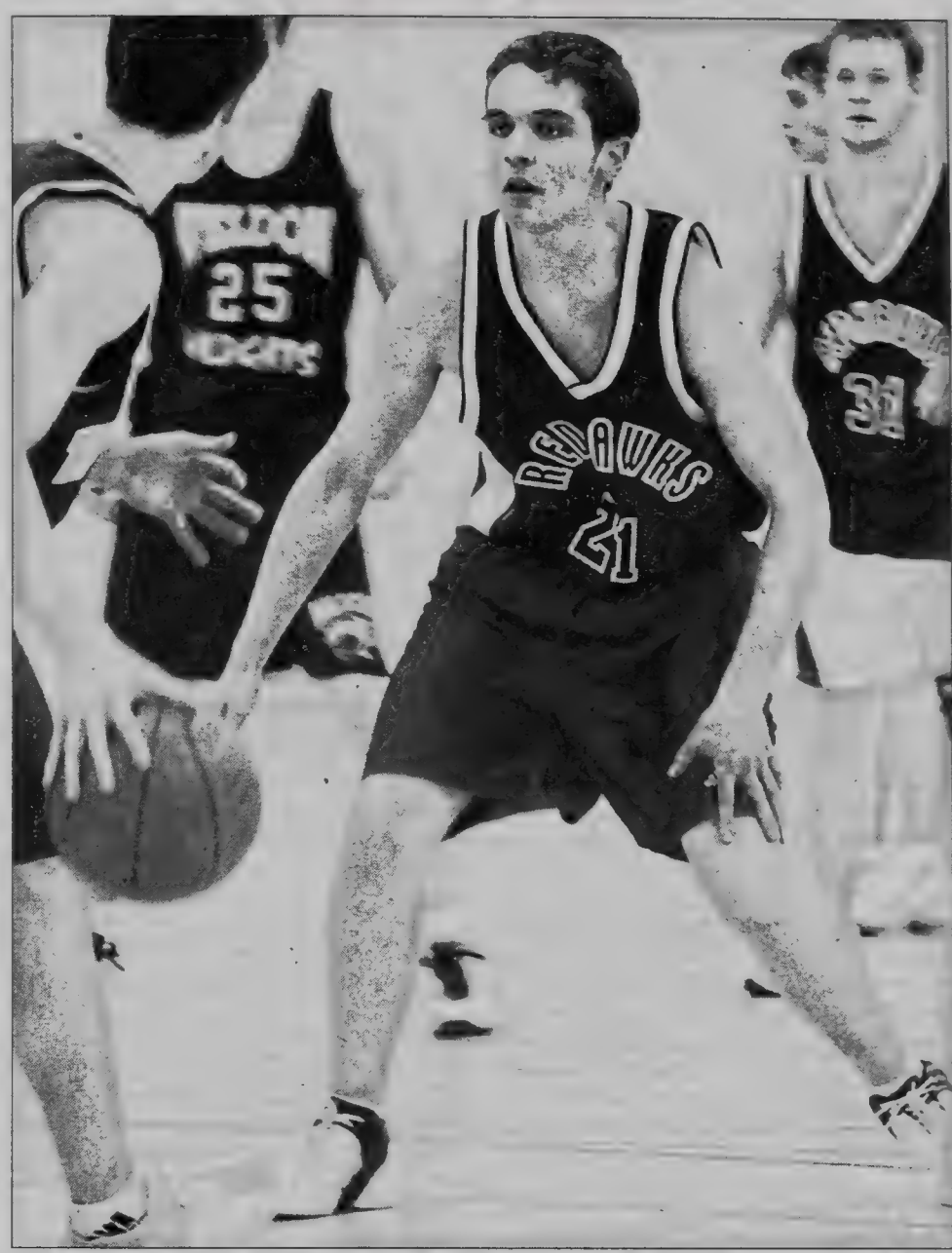
Since the Gerry turnover, the Wildcats committed two successive turnovers that gave the Red Hawks a 7-4 lead at the 4:54 of the first quarter. It was the second and the last lead of the game for them as the Wildcats moved the ball around the court and found open jump shots. HHSS even held the larger and better shooting team, at least on this night, from Lindsay to 11 points in the first quarter.

By the end of the second quarter a different story was being told. The Red Hawks only managed two points against the Wildcats 12. The Wildcats continued to outpace the home side with strong shooting, outdistancing the physically smaller Red Hawks by 13 points in the entire second half.

The anemic free throw shooting by the Red Hawks didn't help matters as they shot a dismal 32 per cent from the line. A potential of 13 points were there for the taking.

Junior play was cancelled since the Wildcats didn't field a junior squad for the 2003-04 campaign.

Note: Brad Mickle scored 16 points leading all Red Hawks but was second to Wildcats Kyle Timms, who drained five three pointers on his way to scoring 19 points for the game high.




An HHSS forward came off the bench and provided a temporary spark to the Red Hawks who came up short against the hot shooting Wildcats.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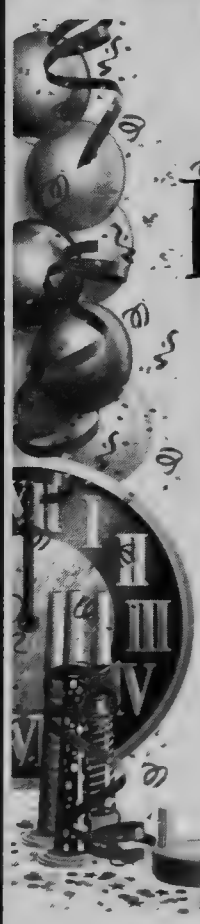

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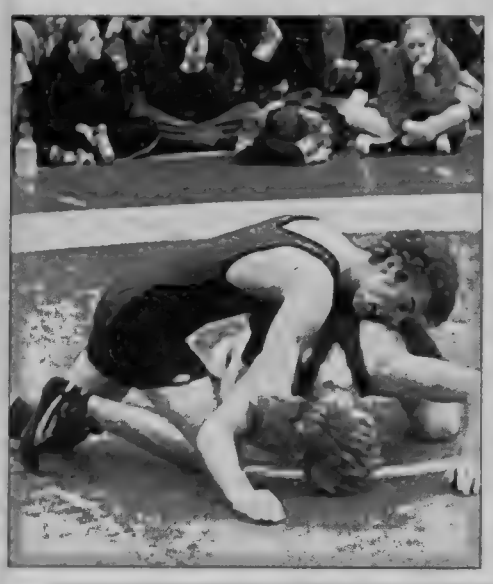
# HHSS wrestlers have future success locked up

**PAUL KLOSE**
*Special to the Echo*

On Wednesday December 10, the Red Hawk Wrestling Team travelled to Bancroft to compete at the North Hastings Secondary School Wrestling Tournament. Over 240 wrestlers from 9 different schools attended the tournament. With 37 competitors, the HHSS wrestling team was one of the largest teams at the competition. Seventeen HHSS wrestlers ranked among the top four in their weight category. Red Hawk wrestlers continue to perform well at tournaments and have established a reputation as a competitive club.



**Cadet Boys Division**

Max Ambridge defeated all opponents in the 119 lb weight class to take home Haliburton's only gold medal. Max is undefeated this year with 10 wins in three tournaments. As a grade 9 student and a first year wrestler, this is an outstanding result. The coaches look forward to seeing Max develop as a senior wrestler. Earning silver medals were Adam DeCarlo, Scott Lewis, Kalem Kyle and Kyle Evans, who continues to improve for his best performance of the season. Jason Lougheed earned a bronze medal and fourth place was awarded to Brad Brown, Andy Cooper, Tristan Ellis, Josh Mayhew and Jake Ruddy.

Coaches Dan Fockler and Paul Klose are excited about the prospects of the Grade 9 and 10 wrestlers. The Red Hawk Team has a large core of solid, young wrestlers who are eager to learn the sport and whose skills are improving. Several of the Cadet wrestlers are consistently placing in the top three at tournaments.

**Open Boys Division**

In the Open boys division, senior wrestler Owen Schell controlled two of his matches to win a silver medal in the 149 lb weight class. Dave Balaski also earned a silver medal at 185 lbs. In his first year, Dave is already considered a serious contender in this weight class. He is a hard worker and is rapidly picking up the technique. Adam Trueman had his best showing of the season to earn fourth place in his class.

Above: Brian McNeil pins his opponent for the win.
Far left: Ted Ecclestone grapples with a competitor during the tournament

**Open Girls Division**

Melanie Howitt was handed her first loss of the season in the championship match. She earned a silver medal and leads all female wrestlers with a season record of 9 wins and 1 loss. Melanie is a model wrestler for the female wresting team, which consists of Lacey Johnson, Jackie Grech (silver medal), Korey Hissa (fourth), Trish Vanier, Ashley Sharpe and Brandi Schell. Her leadership and dedication to the entire team are exemplary.

The Red Hawk Wrestling Team is preparing for a tournament in Port Hope later this week.

# Haliburton's Sk8 park needs a place to call home

*Committee says the $19,000 fundraising goal is well within sight*

**SHERYL LOUCKS**
*Staff Reporter*

The Haliburton SK8 committee has purchased top of the line steel ramps and equipment for a skateboard park, now they just need a place this spring to put it.

"Everyone is so excited about this new equipment we have in storage. It is going to be great to see it set-up in the Spring. Ramp to Ramp (the manufacturers of the equipment) makes top notch equipment that has been featured in a number of TV commercials with professional skaters," says Cindee St. Pierre, SK8 committee chair.

Taylor Barton, one of the youth committee members says the equipment is excellent.

"It's a modular system so we can reconfigure the park to keep it interesting. And it's made of steel so it should last for a long time," says Barton. "The guys at West 49 (competitive circuit) liked it so this will be amazing for us guys who are just starting out."

St. Pierre says she is confident the committee is close to meeting their goal of $19,000 to pay off the equipment. The committee's fundraising has been going well. The latest initiative is a raffle of three top of the line skateboards being raffled off to support creation of the new skateboard park in Haliburton village.

St. Pierre explained the raffle is meant to entice the kids but will also appeal to parents, grandparents, family members and friends to support the park by buying tickets. There is also a dinner for two at Sir Sam's Inn as one of the raffle prizes for those who may not be skateboarders.

Secretary for the group, Pattie Scheffe says that ticket sales are going well for the January 5 raffle draw. Tickets are available at Family Services, Henwood's Variety Store and from Sk8 Committee members.

"Lots of parents are buying them (raffle tickets) for their kids as stocking stuffers for Christmas," says Scheffe.

Greg Shantz, SK8 treasurer, says one of the last hurdles for a new skateboard park is securing a permanent home for the facility. Dysart council has agreed to consider the Drag River building site, which is currently home to the 4C's and Food Bank. A new home for the 4C's needs to be found before the building can be demolished to make way for the skateboard park.

"We hope that the issue is resolved by Spring so that the kids and supporters can set up ramps when the snow melts," says Shantz. "We hope the 4C's and Food Bank has a new comfortable, and clean facility, and that the SK8 park gets going. We are looking forward to a situation where everybody wins."

Tammy McKelvey, Dysart clerk says the council has not had any further discussion about an alternative home for the 4C's. She says there had been a suggestion of relocating the Food Bank to the MTO building (municipal property) currently used by Sir Sandford Fleming College but they would have to move into the new campus first, and construction on the campus has been delayed.

She also clarified that there is no deadline for the 4C's to move. The Drag River building, contrary to popular rumour, is not condemned. Miles Maughan, Dysart Fire Chief, says the building is also meeting the fire code regulations because it does not have sleeping quarters.

She was not aware of when the relocation of the 4C's or a new skateboard park might be put back on Dysart's agenda.

# Red Hawks volleyball team bumping up their game

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**HHSS 25 - 16 Trinity**

**HHSS 22 - 25 CSS (Clarke)**
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**HHSS 19 - 25 St. Marys**
**HHSS 20 - 25 St. Marys**

**HHSS 22 - 25 LCVI**
**HHSS 19 - 25 LCVI**

**HHSS 15 - 25 FFSS (Fenelon Falls)**
**HHSS 14 - 25 FFSS**

The HHSS senior girls volleyball team is finding education in their losses which should spell future victories says head coach.

Last week the team travelled to a tournament hosted by Clarke Secondary School in Newcastle, Ontario.

First year coach Dan Marsden said the team is improving and is contesting each match, but are unable to close out games because of mental lapses. He saw it in many of the games and expects the team to turn things around.

"We were in every game...we were competing," he said.

Against the LCVI Wildcats, with the score 20-24, the Red Hawks were rallying, but gave the game away on a bad serve.

"It summed up our day," Marsden said.

He adds his inexperience coaching volleyball has been offset by the help of co-coaches Steve Smith and Paul Morissette.

Marsden said the team will be practicing this week on getting lower to receive serves and passes, rather than standing so upright as was the case in the tournament.

The team will have two more tournaments before the new year and is expected to have two after it before their elimination round of play.

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In a past tournament Kristen Stackhouse lets a serve go wide for a point against the Trinity Bears as Kate Dawson near the net looks on.

## Silver Stick tournament schedule

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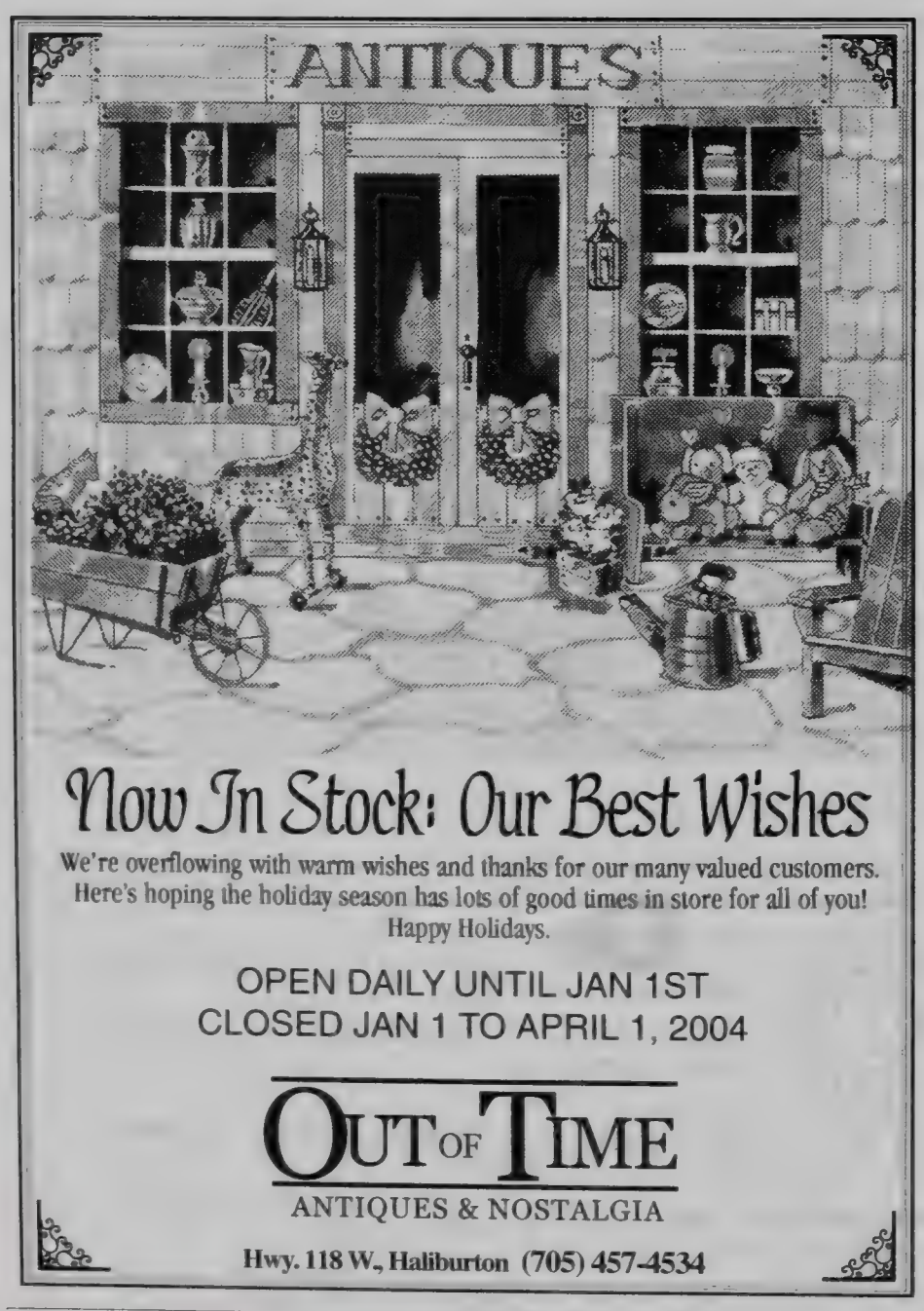
Saturday Schedule Dec. 20, 2003
Dysart et al (Haliburton) Arena:
9 a.m. - #1 vs #2
10 a.m. - #7 vs #8
11 a.m. - Break
Noon - #1 vs #4
1 p.m. - #6 vs #7
2 p.m. - Break
3 p.m. - #1 vs #3
4 p.m. - #6 vs #8

Saturday Schedule Dec. 20, 2003
S.G. Nesbitt (Minden Arena:
9 a.m. - #3 vs #4
10 a.m. - #5 vs #6
11 a.m. - Break
Noon - #2 vs #3
1 p.m. - #5 vs #8
2 p.m. - Break
3 p.m. - #2 vs #4
4 p.m. - #5 vs #7

Playoff Schedule Sunday, Dec. 21, 2003
@ S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden
8 a.m. Semi-Final: Top Points Orr vs 2nd Place Gretzky
9:15 a.m. Semi-Final: Top Points Gretzky vs 2nd Place Orr
10:30 Break
11:30 a.m. Championship Game: Winner 8 a.m. vs Winner 9:15 a.m.
Good luck to all teams!

BRUCE GRIFFITH/special to the Echo

**Killer Bs:** Local hockey at its finest is found at our arenas every weekend in the form of the County League or Little NHL. With ten teams of players ages 4 - 13, the action is fierce. Leading the senior division being undefeated after six games are the Boston Bruins. Loaded with talent and spunk, this team has one thing no other team has and that is "girl power"! The girls of the Boston Bruins are team mates and best friends (l-r) Marlee Godway, Sandy Griffith, and Jessica Duchene. Just look for this action- packed threesometo help their team to fun on the ice every weekend

# Lester Brothers newest member earns X-Games berth in Sault Ste. Marie

**LESTER BROTHERS**

*Special to the Echo*

The Canadian Snocross Racing Association's (CSRA) National and Regional Championship Series opened last weekend at Searchmont Resort in Sault Ste. Marie. Racers from Ontario and the USA competed at the Supertrax Magazine-sponsored event under sunny skies and cold temps.

Noel Kohanski, the Evinrude/Ski-Doo/Supertrax Super Team's newest member came out of the gate strong winning the only transfer position into the coveted ESPN X-Games event being held in Aspen, Colorado next month. Taking a wire-to-wire victory and an immediate transfer directly to Winter X, the Thunder Bay native showed why he's the racer to beat in CSRA sno-cross this season. Kohanski won all his motos - save one - in 440, 600 and Pro Open competition.

When it came time to hit pay dirt he encountered a mechanical problem in Pro Open which left him in second at the checkers. His run in 600 Pro was incredible - leading the pack handily until an unfortunate off left him in 11th at the finish.

In 440 Pro action Kohanski and his team mate A.J. Lester of South Lake, Minden tangled while both were running strong - A.J. in second and Kohanski running through the pack in third. Kohanski ended up 9th at the finish. While the weekend did not produce the results Kohanski was after, he has served notice he is both lightning fast and can win any time against the best in the CSRA.

Lester, the 2002 CSRA Semi-Pro Champ, returned to CSRA racing after losing his left knee cap in a serious incident last season. He had a less than stellar weekend working against a persistent flu which invaded the team's trailer throughout the weekend. While carding some impressive qualifying finishes, Lester could not sustain his pace as he struggled with reduced energy.

In 600 action Lester started strong but faded and ultimately left the race before the finish. In Open racing he carded a 12th at the checkers, well below his potential. In 440 action Lester hit the first turn with a commanding holeshot using superb setups team tuner and ace mechanic Steve Charity had been working on for weeks. Running in second place, he and teammate Noel Kohanski had an unfortunate tangle which left Lester in 12th at the checkers.

Lester proved he's back and plenty fast against the best in the CSRA by qualifying strong for all three finals. However, he's looking forward to showing his full potential and returning to the race track with his strength level at 100 percent.

The Evinrude/Ski-Doo/Supertrax Super Team's Semi-Pro racer, Matt Turner from Bonfield, Ontario had a challenging weekend carding a strong third in Semi-Pro 440 and a 7th in Semi-Pro Open despite suffering from a severe cold and flu. Turner is definitely one of the CSRA's top ranked Semi-Pro's and will show his stuff when he's back in full health.

Jaymie McPhail, the Sport Class sensation from Haliburton scored a 6th in Sport 600 from the back row and then went out and posted a fourth in Sport 500. McPhail is a strong runner whose proven he can win races from any position in the first turn. Struggling with a swollen knee all weekend didn't hamper McPhail's style as he slashed his way through traffic. Look for solid results from him as the season unfolds.

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# Public applauds Arts Council's efforts

## *Haliburton County Art Council seeking municipality support*

**MATTHEW WALLS**
*Staff Reporter*

With the creation of the Haliburton County Arts Council, the county's artists now have one voice to represent their work and their needs, Jim Blake said at the council's official launch.

"It is a pretty exciting venture," Blake said to the 60 or so artists, musicians, writers and art supporters attending the Arty Party potluck dinner at Camp Wanakita, located in Donald, Haliburton late last month.

Blake presented the new council's mandate and initiatives so artists could comment and provide suggestions.

Blake, a consultant hired to oversee the council's creation, said the arts council's "major focus would be community economic development."

Since his contract began in March, Blake has worked with the Haliburton Arts Committee and volunteers canvassing the arts community to discover the needs and aspirations of its members.

Some of its initial plans are to develop an 'Arts & Culture' portal, create a business and resource centre and prepare an arts package for artists who are considering moving to the county. Blake said the new council intends to continue the 'Where It's Art' map and will look at producing a newsletter for county artists.

The council's plans drew a favourable response from the majority of audience members, who praised the council for bringing the arts community together and providing it with a direction.

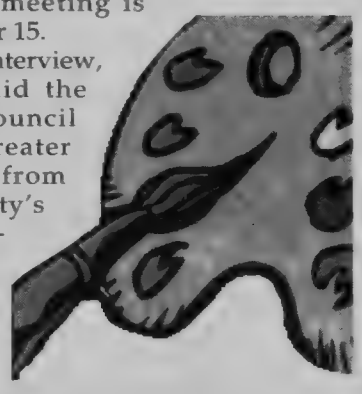
Several people, however, said they would like the council to inform artists of what is happening in the community.

Another said that the council needs to reach out to younger people, a sentiment that many agreed with. Not only is it up to the arts council to show young artists a way to make a living in the county, but "It's up to us to provide a way," said one person.

Some members also want the council to play a larger role in educating students about art. "We need to restore a sense of importance to the arts," said one audience member, "to ensure young people know they can make a living in the arts."

The council will be led by a steering committee of 21 persons, including councillors from all four municipalities. Blake said having a committee of 21 persons is more representative of the county and the various artistic disciplines.

The steering committee will meet four to six times a year. Its first meeting is December 15.



In an interview, Blake said the new council wants greater support from the county's municipalities.

"Other municipalities are putting way more money into the arts."

But Blake added that municipalities can help in other ways than providing money and the council will be looking to municipalities for that support.

"We want to give [municipalities] every opportunity to get involved."

Even letters of support from councils help artists get funding, Blake said.

"If councils say in their strategic plan they want to see development and growth of arts, then businesses get on side."

The arts council receives $25,000 from an OSTAR grant, and another $25,000 from the Haliburton County Development Corporation and other organizations.

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- Donald – a male role model to do "guy things" (play ball, fish, skate, snow sliding) with a 9-year-old-boy.
- Minden – to assist a 9-year-old-girl with her social skills development by attending community activities together.
- Kinmount – to help a 10-year-old-girl with her homework 2 or 3 times a week.
- Wilberforce – to support a 4-year-old girl with her physical development by playing outdoors, kicking a ball, skating, snow sliding.

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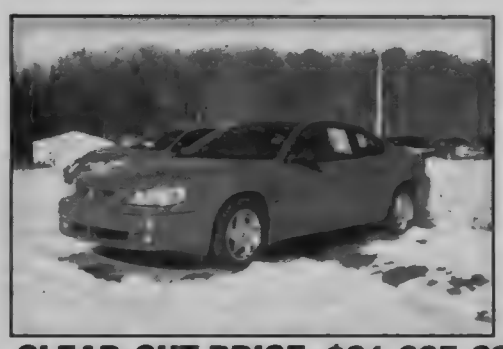

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# ATVs free to use municipal roads, except in Dysart

**SHERYL LOUCKS & MATTHEW WALLS**

*Staff ReporterS*

Three of Haliburton County's four municipalities will be allowing All Terrain Vehicles on the shoulders of all County roads while Dysart et al council continues to take a more restrictive approach to the issue.

Haliburton County council asked all four municipalities to comment on a proposed bylaw to allow ATVs on all county roads. At Dysart et al's recent council meeting Mark Coles, president of the Haliburton ATV association, attended to present a map of proposed road linkages to Crown land trails and to answer questions.

Dysart councilors agreed they did not object to ATVs on county roads but Reeve Murray Fearrey insisted, 'I can not live with ATVs on the boardwalk past the airplane.' Coles said it was never the clubís intention to have ATVs going through the village.

The Highway Traffic Act also does not allow ATVs to pass through the village on Highway 118. Four-wheelers can only ride to Dover Hill on the one side and from the Eagle Lake Road exit to Muskoka on 118 heading north from Haliburton.

Fearrey told Coles they will pass on their comments to the county but decide at a later date which municipal roads ATVs will be allowed on, but councilors were not in favour of opening all roads. Coles asked council to consider making a decision as soon as possible so his association can move ahead with producing a map in time for the spring four-wheeling season.

ATV association seeks easier access to County trails.

Algonquin Highlands has already passed a bylaw allowing ATVs on all roads and Highlands East councillors suggested last week they would take the same approach. Councillors agreed they did not object to ATVs being allowed on the shoulders of county roads.

Reeve Keith Tallman says he does not agree with Fearrey that you can allow ATVs on some roads but not others, saying it would be too difficult to police. Newly elected deputy-reeve Bill Howe agreed.

"It would be a total nightmare to say you can on this road, and this road but not that road," says Howe. "Better deal with reality that they're already on the roads. Make them open and that's the end of our involvement. The OPP can take appropriate action for irresponsible riders."

Councillor Suzanne Partridge added the municipality should encourage motorized business because it's good for business.

Minden Hills passed a similar bylaw Thursday, on a 4-3 vote. Councillors Clayton Cameron, Peter Oyler and Ingram Wessell voted against the resolution.

Councillor Ron Buchanan said the township can't deny ATVs on the road if they allow snowmobiles.

Wessell, however, said, "We're creating a death trail."

Reeve Ross Rigney, who supported the motion, said, "I've heard some people say maybe it will take some deaths before they do something."

Oyler remarked, "It doesn't mean we should be the rats following the pied piper (referring to other municipalities)."

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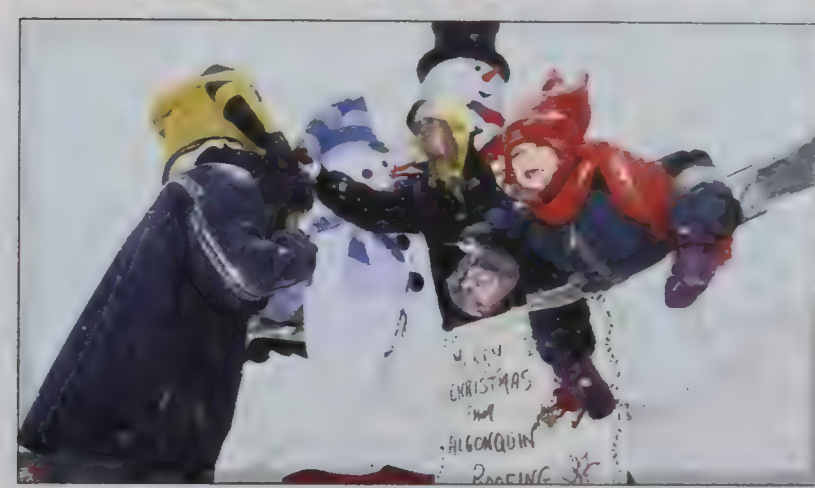
Below: Six-month-old Hailey Alden from Tory Hill wonders who the man in the red suit is.



The community of Wilberforce was all smiles when Santa Claus came to town on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 14. There were 12 floats, including horses from the South Algonquin Trails, with nearly 100 people who participated in the annual parade that started at the Wilberforce Elementary School and finished at the Highlands East fire department. Many people braved the blizzard-like conditions to witness the festivities along the main street of town. Following the parade there was caroling, gift giving--provided by businesses from the 'Loop area'--more than 200, and hot dogs and candy bags provided by the Highlands East fire department.
Lynn Waugh, one of the many organizers, wished to thank everyone who made the event possible.

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*HHHS Board meeting highlights*

# Minden sterilizer no longer approved, instruments to be cleaned in Haliburton

**JERRY GROZELLE**

*Special to The Echo*

The following are brief reports from the November 27 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board meeting.

Changes in CSA (Canadian Standards Association) standards have resulted in changes to the way equipment is sterilized at the Minden Hospital.

Robin Anthony, Infection Control Practitioner with Haliburton Highlands Health Services, told the HHHS board that the Autoclave sterilizer that has been in use at the Minden Hospital is no longer approved under the new regulations.

Tests have shown that the unit has been working, but that particular unit no longer conforms to the new standards.

A new, approved Autoclave sterilizer would cost $40,000. With no money in the budget for such a high-ticket item, Minden Hospital officials have made arrangements to transport equipment to Haliburton Hospital, where it will be steam sterilized. It was noted that it is not uncommon to share sterilizing equipment between more than one facility.

HHHS Board member Marg Cox, who was listening in on the meeting by telephone, asked what would happen if the one sterilizer that is being used by both Haliburton County hospitals happened to break down. Lynne Johnston, Director of Acute and Ambulatory Care, said arrangements have been made to transport equipment to the Peterborough Regional Health Centre by courier in the event of a breakdown. Special containers have already been purchased for transporting equipment to and from the sterilizing unit. "There is no danger of contamination," Johnston said.

Dr. Bob Heyes noted that disposable apparatus is used as much as possible for invasive procedures.

Board member Peter White pointed out that people should be pleased that the ministry is placing more emphasis on sterility.

HHHS CEO Keith Sansford pointed out that audits have been mandated regarding sterilization and procedures. "Evaluations will determine what has to be done," he said.

## Health for Life

HHHS Chair Dick Charron announced that the Haliburton County Diabetes Prevention Project has been nominated as one of Canada's outstanding projects. He said the project has been invited to participate in an international survey to determine the best practices in preventing Type 2 diabetes. Te results of this survey will be used to help determine future diabetes prevention strategies in Canada. Charron commended project team members Robin Anthony RN, Dianne DeSavoy and Tina Willison.

The project is known locally as Health for Life. The objective is to promote healthy choices, including making healthy food choices, exercise and not smoking.

## Financial statements

The often mind-boggling exercise of making sense of financial statements as they relate to health care was the topic of the board's educational portion of the meeting. Forty-five minutes into Chief Financial Officer Cathy Outram's allotted 15 minutes for her presentation, she decided that the presentation should be continued at the next meeting.

Even with the complexity of the subject, most board members agreed they gleaned some insight into the financial mechanisms of HHHS.

At the beginning of her presentation, Outram said, "I'm an accountant, not a teacher."

## Emergency department doctor shortage

Dr. Bob Heyes reported that the physician shortage at the Haliburton Hospital is making it difficult to cover the emergency department 24 hours a day. The Minden Emergency Physicians Group and the Haliburton doctors are discussing how they can work together to ensure coverage at both the Haliburton and Minden hospitals.

## Privacy

Keith Sansford reported that HHHS Director of Health Records Kellie Churko has accepted the Privacy Officer's responsibilities. She will ensure that HHHS complies with all regulations of the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act, which will come into effect in 2004.

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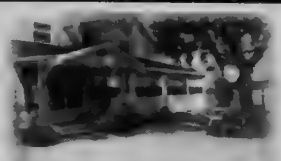

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# Sharing a minor miracle

## *Rotary wheelchair project brings mobililty, freedom to impoverished people in Trinidad and Tobago*

**SHERYL LOUCKS**

*Staff Reporter*

A parking lot or gym floor covered in 60 wheelchairs may seem like an odd sight in Canada but in Trinidad, a country where people spend literally years trapped in bed, the sight of those chairs was akin to a miracle.

Ted Brandon scrolled through the pictures on his computer, describing where they were taken, who this person was, how long that handicapped person had been bed ridden, what the scenery was like, but months after returning from Trinidad and Tobago, and a week after returning from St. Lucia, he is still at a loss to describe the feeling of being there.

Sadness. Joy. Shock. Disgust. Gratitude. Honour.

He shakes his head. There will never be quite the right words.

Brandon was showing the pictures to this reporter in his office at Haliburton's Sir Sandford Fleming College campus where he works as the campus operations manager. In the Rotary world he is the assistant district governor of District 7010, which consists of 44 different Rotary clubs including his in Haliburton.

Jim Williams, district governor, challenged the clubs last year to raise money for the Wheelchair Foundation, a charitable organization dedicated to providing wheelchairs to those in need in Third World countries.

In June, Brandon along with 25 Rotarians from the district, "embarked on an incredible journey" to distribute 280 wheelchairs to the Caribbean islands of Trinidad and Tobago. The chairs were purchased through donations by the clubs, individuals and the Rotary Foundation.

"I didn't know what to expect. Maybe a photo op. Maybe dragging these chairs down a dirt road to a shack in the jungle," he say.

He ended up doing a bit of both.

He was greeted in the Trinidad capital of Port of Spain by the Rotary Club of Maraval (a suburb of the capital), whose charter members were all women. The wheelchair distribution was the Maraval club's 10 anniversary project and Brandon says it was incredibly well organized.

The trip started with a well planned photo opportunity including dignitaries of many stripes gathered in a basketball stadium with recipients of wheelchairs for a huge massive picture of ecstatic faces. Brandon's more astounding photo is of a man being rolled into the gym in a wooden box like contraption on wheels that someone had fashioned in place of a real wheelchair.

Directly after this event Brandon left with a crew on his first foray out to distribute chairs in the community. His first stop was at a mental institution housing

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# Emotions run high as gifts change lives

*On a visit to a little school perched on a mountain side , Ted Brandon met a boy who was brought to school every day by his parents - in a wheelbarrow*

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an estimated 1,000 residents. The compound was "horrific" he says.

Later in the trip he ended up in a van in San Fernando without an accompanying Maraval Rotarian. Instead his group was with a minister, the son of a recipient, and as he took them to his parents' house, the man explained that his father had not been out of bed in five years. Brandon says it was incredibly moving as the minister said a prayer and blessed them after his father was lifted out of bed and put into the wheelchair.

The man's wife invited them to stay for dinner - "she said the goat head is cooking on the stove." Brandon said they declined but the family felt they had to do something and after they had returned to the distribution center the minister returned with roti for them.

Haliburton Rotarian Ted Brandon with one of the children who received chairs

In Tobago, Brandon says the Rotarians treated them to some more tourist activities. Brandon was amazed and thrilled to watch giant sea turtles come ashore and lay their eggs. He was even fortunate enough to see some of the turtles hatch and make their first trip into the sea.

Brandon was so moved by the experience he also went to St. Lucia in late November to deliver more wheelchairs. One of his most striking experiences there was a trip to a little school perched on a mountain where a boy was brought to school every day by his parents - in a wheelbarrow.

"This boy was so excited and so were all the kids. While we drove away we could see the kids running laps around the school with this boy, it was incredible," Brandon recalled.

Dorothy and Brian Menton can relate. They joined Brandon on the trip to St. Lucia. The couple explained they had a goal of raising $1,200, which would buy 10 wheelchairs, but did not want to donate money out of their pocket. They decided to support the wheelchair initiative by doing odd jobs for local Rotarians but instead of being paid for the work, the salary went straight to the wheelchair foundation.

"We wanted to do something together and to put work into it. We didn't want to ask people to make another donation. We wanted them to get something concrete for their money," Dorothy explains.

She and Brian went out to various

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Haliburton Rotarians Brian and Dorothy Menton raised money for the wheelchair project by offering their labour and donating the proceeds

# "It's one of those special moments when you realize the shattering impact these chairs will have on their lives" Brian Menton

*from page 30*

places such as Curry Motors, Henwoods Variety and Emmerson's Lumber. Dorothy says they had agreed on the idea of doing work they didn't necessarily like so that they would be able to give back to the less fortunate but that was before she encountered a widget box. Much to her frustration, she found herself counting every single nut, bolt, thingamajig and doo-dad in something called a "widget box" while doing inventory at Emmerson's Lumber.

She laughs about it now and says it became an incredibly trivial frustration after seeing the unrelenting poverty people survive in St. Lucia.

"We saw a young guy, maybe 25, and he looked up to see what must have looked like yet another group of rich white tourists in a van and gave us the finger. I don't blame him. They get all these cruise ships of rich tourists and yet most people are very poor," she says.

She met a woman who had lost a leg in a car accident that also killed her sister. The woman cried with joy just at the sight of Dorothy and the Rotarians bringing her a chair. Another woman brought her daughter to a distribution center via an expensive taxi and left pushing her daughter down the street - both beaming. She went to a special education school where children were able to get around for the first time. She delivered chairs to children who had not had any way to get to school before.

Dorothy says the experience "blew us away." Brian was deeply moved as well. He recounted visiting a rough shack where a lady had been in bed for years, there was an incredible stench but as they drove away after delivering the wheelchair she was out on the porch waving goodbye.

"It's one of those special moments for us when you realize the shattering impact these chairs will have on their lives," says Brian.

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# Music making at the heart of a fulfilling week

*community news*

## west guilford

*Eleanor Cooper*
754-2388

First of all, congratulations to Louise Cooper on becoming a grandmother to Jennifer Louise, born on Dec. 10, to Marlene Elliott and Paul Madden at the Ottawa Hospital.

Grenville Griffin is recovering successfully from eye surgery performed in Peterborough Hospital.

Your reporter is writing what has merely been threatened before, namely a list of what I have done all week, since no news has filtered in to my corner of the forest (to quote A.A. Milne). Mon. saw me as guest at Stanhope Firehall along with my sister, Kathleen Owens and my husband, Earl, who were music makers for the occasion, and I was invited to lead the singing of carols. Of course, Monday evenings are devoted to Scottish Country Dancing. Tuesday was the Christmas meeting at the clergy house in Minden of the Haliburton Weavers and Spinners, and that evening the rehearsal for the Cantata. Wednesday was my day off. Thursday was taken up with preparation for the participation in the Cantata at St. George's Anglican Church. This was following the dinner at noon at the Legion where once again I was a guest, invited because of the musicians I happen to be related to. On Friday it was my turn to look after the gift shop at the Pritchard House, the home of the Weavers and Spinners in Minden, after which I played with the Highland Winds Ensemble at Highland Wood. Saturday I hosted a get-together for some of our neighbours when we enjoyed Christmas goodies at our place. Earl and I were then invited to the turkey supper made and served by the Marshalls for those who have assisted in any way through the year at Maple Lake United.

I do not for a minute suggest that I was any busier than anyone else in the community at this busy time of year. On the contrary my week is only a reflection, or sample of what goes on in any household before Christmas.

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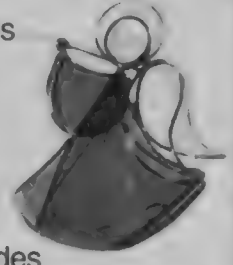

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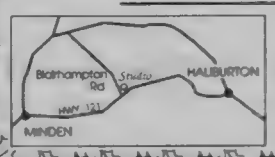


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# Simple project proves a big success

community news

## wilberforce

Hilda Clark
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Sometimes it's the quiet, simple projects that succeed amazingly well. Take the B.E.A.R. Books at Agnews. A few stacks and a rack of donated paperbacks sit there near the Post Office. People donate the books. People borrow, I mean buy or rent the books for 25 cents each. They return them to be rented out again. This year this project raised $645. which has been donated to the local volunteer firefighters for their use. Amazing, isn't it? By the way B.E.A.R. stands for Buy, Enjoy And Return. Agnews thank all who donate books and participate in the project.

The Historic Christ Church will be the place to be next Sunday evening, December 21 at 7 p.m. for a real old fashioned Carol Singing Service. The coal oil lamps will be flickering, the old pump organ ready to accompany the singing. There will be readings shared and other presentations. A wonderful evening of raising voices in praise for the real reason for the season.

Santa arrived in Wilberforce amidst snowy flurries on Sunday, December 14. Accompanied by elves and several floats he as is the custom in this village rode in on one of the fire trucks. The children loved it. Seeing Santa in the parade and then having a chance to meet him in person on the stage at the Lloyd Watson Centre brought joy to a lot of little hearts. All the children received gifts of a toy or a game or a doll etc. Santa had many helpers arranging this "party" and he and we thank all who provided this pleasant afternoon for the children. Others will know and likely report on who all helped out and organized the parade and the party.

It's nice that Ethel Deterling is home again after a brief time in hospital.

The Ladies Auxiliary of legion Branch 624 enjoyed their Christmas party with dinner at the Cross Roads Cafe on Friday, December 12, 2003.

The Wilberforce School Christmas Concert is Tues., Dec. 16 at the L.W.M. Centre. It usually starts soon after 1 p.m. The Monmouth Seniors host the gathering. Always a delightful time.

The Monmouth Seniors enjoyed a Christmas dinner together on the evening of Tues., Dec. 9. It was at the Cross Roads Cafe. Sharold certainly has a difference at that establishment. It's all decked out for Christmas.

The Community Carol Service held at the Wilberforce United Church on Sunday, Dec. 14, brought together folk from several churches in the area. Music was under the direction of Elsie Lewis. There was the Community Choir and the Gentlemen of Song raising their voices in some inspiring Christmas Music. Marg Jeske directed the Gentlemen. Marg Dugas on the piano joined Elsie at the Organ. Lessons were read by Myrtle Weedmark, Ken Jones, Joan Clark, Rev. Christopher Greaves, Hilda Clark, Frank Matys and the Rev. Bob Weight. The Rev. Weight welcomed everyone to his church and led prayers. The congregation enjoyed singing the carols and the presentations by the choirs. All enjoyed great refreshments and fellowship after the service. It was so worth tracking through all the fresh snow to get there. Thanks a million. Now Christmas can really begin – or the Advent season celebrated more genuinely.

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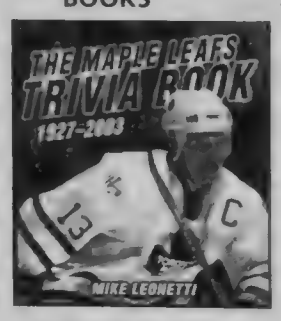

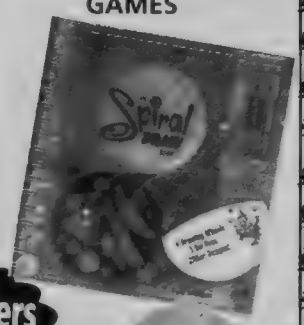
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# Students get creative on an art adventure

Jonathan Brennan models the jewellery he made

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SBES student Nichole Honderich shows how to spin a widget as Justin Cook looks on.

Right, Kristy Gammon teaches SBES students (l-r) Jessica Bishop, Brigitta Hicks, Samantha Irvine Justin Cook and John Markpenman how to make unleavened breadsticks in the school's teacher lounge.

# Playing pioneers

Mlle (Sara) Smillie's Grade 3 French class at Stuart Baker Elementary School finished their unit on Canadian pioneers with a day of pioneering activities on Friday, Dec. 12. There were five centres: baking, Christmas crafts, candling (above), story telling and games. Five student groups of five rotated from centre to centre doing the various activities under the supervision of volunteering parents. Twenty-five students participated on the day.

SBES students, McKenzie Hill and Megan Lapierre, are completely engrossed in their pioneer crafts.

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| Ministry of Transportation<br>Central Region, Planning and Environmental Office<br>Reception Desk, 3rd Floor, Building D<br>1201 Wilson Avenue<br>Downsview, Ontario | County of Haliburton<br>11Newcastle Street<br>Minden, Ontario |

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# *Students get a taste of other places, other cultures*

Worldly eating: Nancy Bishop's Grade 1/2 class were happy about international education at the Stuart Baker Elementary School when they finished their social studies unit on cultures from around the world with their annual Feast of Foods event. Each student, with the help of parents, prepared dishes from the various places of study such as Japan, China, Australia, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Holland and South Africa.

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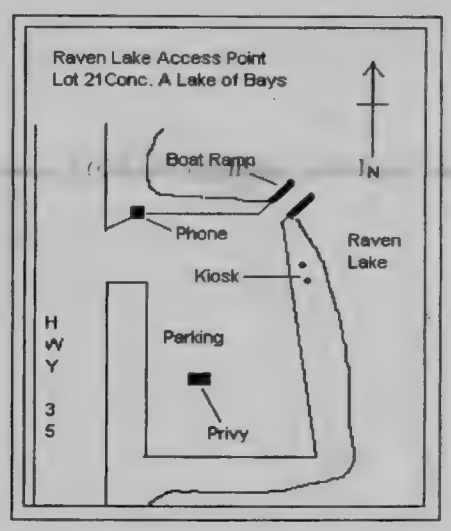


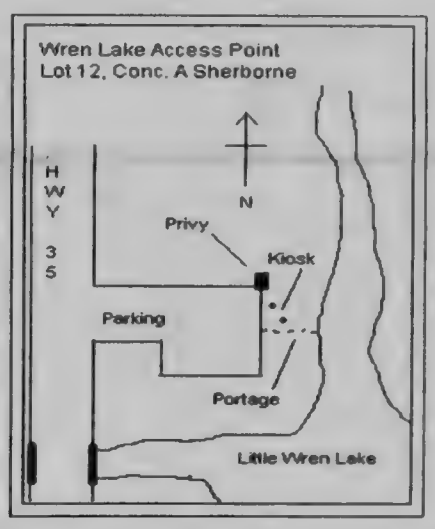


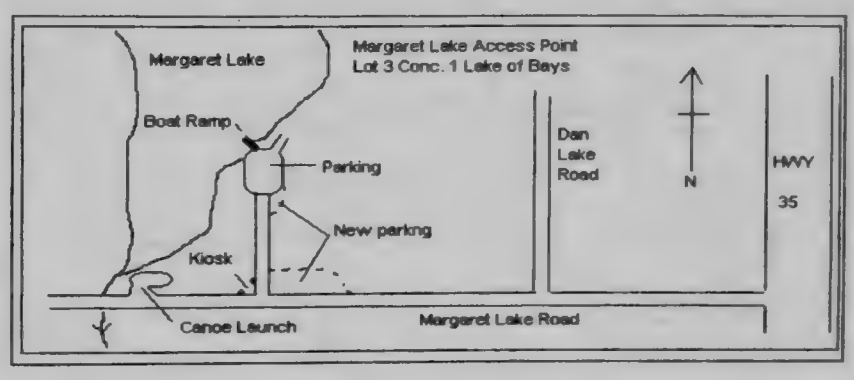


The Haliburton Highlands Water Trails (HHWT) is proposing to construct the following on Crown lands: 1) Vault privy at the Raven Lake Access Point in the Township of Lake of Bays; 2) Vault privy at Wren Lake Access Point in the Township of Algonquin Highlands; 3) Parking area expansion 90 ft. x 45 ft., 40 ft. x 15 ft., at Margaret Lake Access Point in the Township of Lake of Bays; and 4)Sign Kiosks at each of the above locations.

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**Haliburton Highlands Water Trails**
**c/o Township of Algonquin Highlands**
**R.R.#2 North Shore Road**
**Minden, Ontario**
**K0M 2K0**

**HHSS Christmas concert 2003**

The sounds of Christmas wafted through the air at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Studio on Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003. In front of a crowd of nearly 200, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School choir, Grade 9 band, flute choir, the PLJ Improv Combo and the school's swing band provided the audience with Christmas favourites such as Goin' on a Seigh Ride, Frosty the Snowman, The First Noel, Joy to the World and God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen.
Photos by Darren Lum

*Township of Algonquin Highlands*

## NOTICE

**Township of Algonquin Highlands**

The Township Office will be CLOSED
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Road Superintendent
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## Environmental Assessment of a Proposed Bell Canada Tower Site on Hadlington Road

Bell Canada is planning to construct a telecommunications tower, approximately 200 feet in height, on the Hadlington Road.† The new tower will give residents of that area access to basic phone service.

A site for the tower has been selected, as shown on the accompanying map.† As you may be aware, that site is on Crown land.† In order to acquire rights to the site, Bell Canada has applied to the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) for a long term licence of occupation.† To fulfill its obligations under the provincial Environmental Assessment Act, the MNR must evaluate the potential impacts that the tower could have on the natural environment and on existing human activities, before making a decision about Bell's application.† In this regard, input from the local residents who could be affected by the tower will be taken into consideration. †Both supporting and critical comments may be expressed.

You are invited to direct any comments you may have about the proposed tower to:

Scott Bird
Minden Area Office
P.O. Box 820
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
Tel: (705) 286-5223
Fax: (705) 286-4355
E-Mail: scott.bird@mnr.gov.on.ca

Any inquiries that you may have concerning the actual tower or the activities involved in its construction should be made to:

Brian Reurink
Senior Project Manager
479 Clarence St, C2
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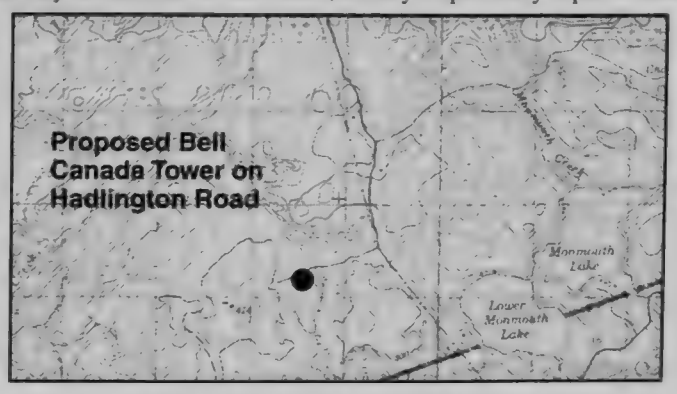
Comments must be received by the MNR before **January 12, 2004**. Please be aware that your comments may be forwarded to Bell Canada, unless you specifically request otherwise.



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# Community demonstrates the true spirit of Christmas

It is happening again! The sights and sounds of the holiday season are coming alive throughout our community with holiday lights, seasonal songs and Christmas wish lists. Hearts of both young and old are full of gladness as people everywhere come together to share this festive season. It truly is a magical time! Youth dream of their Christmas wish lists while Moms, Dads, and grandparents dream of their youth and many, a wonderful Christmas past.

Parents and grandparents enthusiasm for Christmas was very evident this Sunday past as the families of the Loop Communities of Tory Hill, Wilberforce, Harcourt and Highland Grove joined together for the Santa Claus Parade and Loop Children's Christmas Party in Wilberforce.

The Children's Christmas Party was originally conceived by the owner and staff of the Ridgeview Restaurant in Harcourt many years ago as a means of demonstrating the Christmas spirit to the children of the Harcourt community. The popularity grew and soon other communities got involved until we have the wonderful celebration that we have today complete with Christmas Parade, Gifts and Christmas Songs.

This year Mother Nature provided the perfect backdrop for the festive parade. Snow flurries whirled about covering the merry parade participants reminding everyone what a wonderful winter paradise we live in. Santa was on time this year and his jolly presence was welcomed by young and old.

*community news*

## harcourt

*Valerie Smith*
448-3640

As I took that one last glance about the Lloyd Watson Community Centre, just before the masses arrived, I was overcome by that "old special magical spirit". The welcoming aroma of hot chocolate and coffee prepared by the Pathfinder Elves filled the room. Chairs were all arranged in readiness for the visitors soon to be coming. The stage was decorated in welcoming, readiness for Santa and his little visitors. The brightly wrapped gifts were all arranged and waiting to be given out. Christmas carols softly filled the air. Then all of a sudden an explosion of sound filled the room as the expected guests poured into the room along with our guest of honour, Santa Claus. The waiting chairs filled with Moms, Dads, grandparents and little children. Clara Burt and Chris London lead the singing of delightful tunes of Jingle Bells, Hark the Harold Angels Sing, Silver Bells and many more favourites as the children shouted out their special parts in the songs.

Soon pretty little girls in party dresses, sleeping babies, rambunctious little boys were lining up to sit upon Santa's knee and tell him what they wanted for Christmas. Photographer Tammy Donaldson captured smiles laughter and tears on film in order for each child to have a cherished picture of Christmas with Santa 2003.

As each child 10 years and younger left Santa and his Christmas Wonderland, they were presented a gaily-wrapped gift by Santa's Elves. Eager little hands tore at the gaily-wrapped gifts and out spilled toys to excite and satisfy the little children's dreams. Baby Butterflies, Little Rock Keyboard, Cuddly Baby Dolls, Tea Sets, Floating Bath Dough, City Force Sets, Mickey Mouse Stunt Planes, Blues Clue Chairs, Easy Writers, Take Apart Venture Vehicles, Spiderman Action Heroes and Walking Dolls brought sparkles to many youngsters' eyes and put big smiles on many little faces.

The Monmouth Volunteer Firefighters were on hand with pop and bags of candy that they had prepared for each child.

As little girls jumped up and down in delight and little boys assembled their Ruff N Tuff Car Sets and Monster Tire Trucks there was only one assumption that came to mind, the little ones really enjoyed themselves. Personally I found it a wondrous event and as Chairperson for the Santa Fund, I would like to thank all the people who made this event possible again this year. First a big, big thank you to "The Loop" Business Community and private donors who so generously sponsored the purchase of the gifts. With their support and unselfish generosity many lives of our local children

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# Community offers many joyous events

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were strengthened and enriched. Thank you so much Don and Florence Wilson, Leo and Marie Arponen, Silver Springs, Bostonian Motel, M.R. Walsh Sand and Gravel, Algonquin Cookhouse, Schwandt Aggregate, Schwandt Homecare, Tory Hill Bridge Club, Harcourt Community Centre, Mark and Cheryl Evans, Rogers Auto Wreckers, Moonlight Bay Tent and Trailer Park, Algonquin Gateway Business Association, Cardiff volunteer Fire Department, Rodney Hogan Excavating, Hilary's Trim and Floor, Casey Concrete, Sandy Acres, Linkerts Bakery, Lewis Electric, Kencroft Enterprise ltd., Montage Real Estate, Dan's auto Body, Mike Thompson Lumber, Harcourt Park Marina, Gerry's Electric, Donna and Allan Watson, Wilberforce Legion, Zum Waldhaus, Agnew's General Store and Powerful Designs Advertising. A big thanks to Santa Claus who was just great again this year. Thank you the all the elves that wrapped the presents - Orval and Marian Donaldson, Mel Smith, Roberta Walsh, Doreen and Elwin Oakes, Wayne, Sue and Becky Oakes, Donna, Allan and Taylor Watson, Shirley Blackburn, Ken and Laura Donaldson Thank you to Mac and Nancy Gadway of Schwandt Homecare Building Centre Harcourt who donated the colourful wrapping paper. A big thank you to Cathy Rogers and her Path Finder Elves who worked in the snack bar, to the Path Finder Elves Hollie Traviss, Rebecca Bekkema, Nikole Hatson, Ashley Alden, Katy McDonald, Stephanie Godfrey, Kasey Lewis, Kayla Scott, and Jessica Foulds who helped Mel Smith and Elwin Oakes distribute the gifts. A big bouquet of thanks to Clara Burt and Chris London who lead everyone in song. You all did a super job! A big thanks to Loop Christmas Fund Treasurer and friend Roberta Walsh for all your help, guidance and support. A huge thank you to Tammy Donaldson for using your talent and taking all those pictures for the children and families to treasure. A big hand of applause to Lynn Waugh for organizing the parade and to the Monmouth Volunteer Fire Department for your tremendous part in this venture. A great big thank you to my mother, Doreen Oakes who worked for hours making the great costumes for the elves. These people have given so much. Giving from the heart is a special part of what Christmas is all about. What a wonderful way to get into the holiday spirit! Getting ready for this Christmas Party, this year has been awesome for me again. What greater gift could one ask for than being surrounded by happy, smiling children!

The pictures taken at the party will be available for pick up on at the Wilberforce ESSO station. A great big thank you to Cindy Ablett for her part in distributing the pictures year after year.

We have so many people who make this marvelous and awesome occasion such a great success! I just hope I have not forgotten anyone. If I have neglected your name please let me know.

Don't forget we have some very special events coming up in the Harcourt Community:

On December 21, 7:00 P.M. the Harcourt Chapel will host the Candlelight Carol Service. There will be Carol singing, Christmas Music and Christmas Devotional all at the Harcourt Chapel.

On December 24, 7 P.M. at the Harcourt Chapel will be the Christmas Eve Service with refreshments following. The evening will be filled with carolling and the young people will be involved in the service led by Mr. Chris Kegel.

Scheduled on December 31, 2003 will be the New Year's Eve Dance at the Harcourt Community Centre. Cost of tickets are $30.00 a couple and are available for sale for those who like to plan ahead and do not want to miss this special evening of dancing, party hats and buffet dinner.

"Classic Country" will be on hand to help you welcome in the New Year.

May everyone delight in unpacking all those familiar well-loved and worn ornaments of yesteryears.

May everyone enjoy visits and special meals with family and friends.

Last but most of all....

May all parents and grand parents enjoy your priceless children and grand children.

Cherished memories, precious moments and love for one and another – these are what the Christmas spirit is all about.

I wish you joy, peace, happiness and love in your homes this holiday season and always.

Event volunteers and co-organizers Valerie Smith and Kathy Rogers show the generosity demonstrated by local businessess.

Sending our Best

At the Holiday Season, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible. It is in this spirit we say Thank You and Best Wishes for the Holidays and a Happy New Year!

From the Mother/Daughter Team

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- **Now until Dec. 17: Divorce Hurts** – Find help at DivorceCare. DivorceCare is a special weekly (Wednesdays) seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced, running from now until Dec. 17th at Lakeside Baptist Church starting at 7 p.m. Please call 457-2851 for more information.
- **Now until Dec. 20: The Boyd Heritage Museum** presents its annual Gallery of Gifts in the Art Room of the Bobcaygeon Library. Unique handmade items by local artisans. Everything from silks to jewellery, glass to pottery plus much more! Saturday, Dec. 6 Open House with spinning demonstrations from 1-4 p.m. Gallery of Gifts is open during regular library hours, Dec. 2 until Dec. 20.
- **Dec. 16: Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton.** Alzheimer Office in Haliburton, "Tips for an enjoyable holiday season". Tues., Dec. 16, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. For info. please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457-8335.
- Dec. 18: Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton. Hyland Crest, Minden, "Tips for an enjoyable holiday season". Thurs., Dec. 18, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. For info. please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457-8335.
- **Dec. 18: 10:30 a.m. Christmas Potluck and Santa Visit** – Ontario Early Years Centre will supply the Turkey. Bring your favourite dish to share. Call Wendy for details 457-2989.
- **Dec. 19 - Jan. 5/04: Ontario Early Years Centre** (formerly CHACE), Haliburton, will be closed from December 19th and reopening January 5, 2004.
- **Dec. 21: (Advent IV - Love)** Lessons and Carols Service at 10 a.m. presented by the Maple Lake United Church Choir.
- **Dec. 21: Catch the Spirit of Christmas** – Come to the annual Community Carol Service, Gooderham United Church, Sun., Dec. 21 at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments provided by the United Church.
- **Dec. 24 to Jan. 5/04:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton. Alzheimer Office in Haliburton. Office will be closed from Dec. 24th at noon until January 5th, 2004. For info. please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457-8335.
- **Dec. 24: (Christmas Eve)** Family Service at 7 p.m.; Communion Service at 9 p.m. Both services are held at the Minden United Church.
- **Dec. 24: (Christmas Eve)** Eagle Lake Church welcomes - Youth Voices age 7 and up are invited to sing at Christmas Eve Service. Call Laurel McCauley, 754-1658. Also adult voices for choir call Marie Wallace, 754-2648.
- **Dec. 28:** Joint Service on Sun., Dec. 28 at 9 a.m. at Zion United Church.
- **Dec. 28:** 1st Annual Haliburton Men's Hockey Allstar Game, Sunday, Dec. 28 at 6:00 p.m. Bring a donation or non-perishable food item towards 4C's of Haliburton.
- **Jan. 4: (Epiphany)** Joint Service at 11 a.m. at the Minden United Church.
- **Jan. 15:** General meeting of the Minden H.H.H.S. Auxiliary at Hyland Crest, Jan. 15 at 1:00 p.m. Dwight Thomas will talk about the Paramedic Service. Question and Answer period will follow. Everybody welcome.

**ONGOING EVENTS**

- **Highlands Parent Child Mother Goose Program** – For parents and children, (birth to 2-1/2 years) learning rhymes, songs, and stories together. Wednesday Mornings January 7 to March 10, 2004, 10:0 - 11:00 a.m. Cardiff Elementary School. For more info and to register please call: Family Services: 457-5345; Ontario Early Years Centre: 457-2989 (formerly CHACE). Free!! Childcare for older siblings may be available on request.
- **Climax Climbing Club** meets every Tuesday evening at Medeba Adventure Centre in West Guilford, Drop-in, indoor rock climbing from 6:30 - 8 p.m. for children 13 and under to climb with a parent or guardian and from 6:30 - 9:30 for teens and adults (parental permission required for children under 18 years). Beginners welcome - all equipment supplied. For more info. contact Greg and Sue at Family Services of Haliburton County, 457-5345.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editorial@haliburtonecho on ca., or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**
**NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area.** Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.

DARREN LUM/Echo

The Royal Canadian Legion proudly marched down the main street of Wilberforce during the community's annual Christmas parade on Sunday, Dec. 14.

# View and reviews from the Legion

*community news*

**wilberforce legion**

*Mel Smith*
448-3640

The November 29th dance featuring Joseph Fisher, who is a talented performer, was enjoyed so much, that he has been invited back for February 28th. This is a night that you should plan to attend. If you like Elvis, Roy Orbison, Tom Jones, Marty Robins, Neil Diamond, Gene Pitney, and Johny Mathis, join us at Branch 624 on February 28th 2004.

The Wild Life Dinner held Dec. 6th was a wonderful success. This was a Legion function, that couldn't have been such a great success without the excellent assistance of the Ladies Auxiliary. Along with my wife Valerie, my in-laws, Elwin and Doreen Oakes, and neighbours, Peter and Sylvia Werner, we all enjoyed a wonderful meal. In the two seatings there were a total of 126 patrons and I am confident that they all enjoyed the meal of moose roast, venison roast, turkey, beaver, beef, rabbit, duck, geese, and cabbage rolls made of either moose or venison just as much as we did.

On December 31st the Legion will host the New Years Party. Tickets are $25.00 per couple or $12.50 for a single ticket.

January 1st is the President's Levy, which will be held at our Branch by the president for all the branch's members.

On January 16th the appreciation Dinner is scheduled and will include all members of the Branch and the Ladies Auxiliary. That time will be announced at a later date.

January 17th is our Annual Ice Fishing Trout Fishing Tournament.

**Lest We Forget:**

The community of Harcourt is a lesser place, without Carol Rogers. Following a lengthy battle against cancer, she passed away Sunday, November 30th. Carol is survived by her husband Bill, son, Jamie, his wife, Karen, and daughters, Amanda, and Crystal, son Stephen, and his wife, Cathy. Carol will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

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**DATED** at Minden, Ontario this 11th day of December, 2003 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0, solicitor for the Executors for the Estate of Iris (Sandy) Ruth White. **CA**

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**DATED** at Minden, Ontario this 11th day of December, 2003 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0, solicitor for the Executrix for the Estate of Thomas Henry Jones.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS**

In the Estate of **WILLIAM BASIL BONNER**, deceased; All persons having claims against the Estate of William Basil Bonner, late of the Township of Anson, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 28th day of September, 2003, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 2004, after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.

**DATED** at Minden, Ontario this 11th day of December, 2003 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0, solicitor for the Administrator for the Estate of William Basil Bonner.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE CECIL BRENTON THEODORE WINTER**

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of **CECIL BRENTON THEODORE WINTER**, late, of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 2nd day of December, 2003, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 6th day of January, 2004.

**AND TAKE NOTICE** that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Estate Trustee of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice.

**DATED** at Haliburton, Ontario this 8th day of December, 2003. RAYMOND G. SELBIE, Barrister, Solicitor, Notary Public, P.O. Box 186, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0.

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## 440 THANK YOU

**A SINCERE THANK YOU** to all my friends for their cards, phone calls and flowers on the loss of my mother. **Barbara Wood.**

*Echo Fax: 457-3275*

## 440 THANK YOU

**The family of the late BESSIE BURK** would like to take this opportunity to thank their relatives and friends for their acts of sympathy and kindness when Mom passed away. Thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards, food, phone calls, and donations. A special thank you to Elva, Yvonne, Toots, Gwen and Arnold for their delicious dinners they served us after the visitation, the Ladies of Minden United Church for the wonderful luncheon, the Staff of Hyland Crests for their warmth and caring to Mom during her 6 years there, to Gord for his comforting message, Kirsten and Barry for their thoughtfulness and help, and to the grandchildren for their touching eulogies. Thanks again from **Bessie's family.**

**"THANKS"** – to all of my valued landscape/gardening customers, friends and neighbours: for all your continuing support over this past year. Have an enjoyable and safe winter and I look forward to seeing you in the spring. Pick up truck now available for basement/shed clean-up and local moving jobs. Also painting/wood repairs and restorations. Sonya Paterson 457–9170 (home) or 457–0078 (cell).

## 450 IN MEMORIAM

**JUBB, HELEN CHRISTEL GRAVES** – In loving memory of our dear Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great-grandmother Helen Christel Graves Jubb. December 17, 1921 - December 22, 2002.

We hole you close within our hearts,
And there forever you'll remain,
To walk with us throughout our lives,
Until in Heaven we meet again.

**The Jubb Family**

I look up at the Winter sky,
And I think of you.
It's been almost a year.
I wonder when I'll see you again.
I shed a single tear.
I remember all the times we shared,
They will never fade.
I love you Grandma.
You will stay in my heart forever and always.

Love **Sarah Christel Williams.**

**JUBB, HELEN** – In loving memory of Helen Jubb who passed away Dec. 22/2002.

Though your smile is gone forever
And your hand we cannot touch
Still we have so many memories
Of the one we loved so much
Your memory is our keepsake
With which we'll never part
God has you in his keeping
And we have you in our hearts.
Always loved and never forgotten

**Bern Jubb, Barbara, Ron and Jason Mercer, Michele, Alain, Alexis, Tommy and Jaidyn Nobert.**

**STEWART, BERNEICE** – In loving memory of our Gram, Berneice Stewart, who was the best grandmother we could have had.

Missed are her hugs, kisses and love.
She is forever with us in our hearts and thoughts.

All our love **Amanda, Bill and Ashley.**

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## 450 IN MEMORIAM

**STEWART, BERNEICE** – In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother, Berneice Stewart, who passed away Dec. 12/02

Dear Mom,
Though absent, you are very near
Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Sadly missed by **Brier, Dawn and families.**

## 460 OBITUARIES

**BIRD, DIANNE** – In loving Memory of our Angel Dianne Bird who peacefully slipped away in the early morning of Thursday, December 11th at the Haliburton Hospital surrounded by her devoted family, after a courageous and honourable battle with cancer. Best friend and beloved wife of Bob Bird. Cherished daughter of Margaret Harrison and the late Orval Harrison. Adoring mother of Kellie and Steve Churko of Eagle Lake and Scott and his fiancee Teressa Johnston of Haliburton. Sadly missed and forever remembered by her grandchildren, Logan and Rachel. Dear sister of Penny Harrison of West Guilford and Paul and Gwen Harrison of Edmonton. Also lovingly remembered by many, many nieces, nephews and friends. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ont. 457–9209 on Sunday afternoon, December 14, 2003 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Memorial Service in the Chapel on Monday morning, December 15, 2003 at 11 o'clock. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.

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**METCALFE, BRAD** – In loving memory of Brad Metcalfe (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario). At his residence on Sunday, December 7, 2003 in his 42nd year. Beloved son of Wilma, Gordon and Lois. Cherished grandson of Mary Love and Alma Booker. Loving brother of Greg (Brenda), Ryan, and Drew. Lovingly remembered by many aunts, uncles and cousins. Also fondly remembered by his niece Nikki and Nephews Dylan and Carson. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ont. 457–9209 on Saturday morning, December 13, 2003 from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Cremation. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Asthma Society of Canada would be appreciated by the family.

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**POULSEN, GERDA** – In loving memory of Gerda Poulsen (Resident of Harcourt, Ontario). At her residence on Monday morning, December 8, 2003 in her 85th year. Beloved wife of the late Erland Poulsen for 61 years. Loving mother of Annette Holt and her husband John of Highland Grove and Mitzie Williams and her husband Harvey of Newmarket. Dear grandmother of Evan, Fay and Bo. Funeral arrangements are private. Donations may be made to the Quinte Healthcare Corporation North Hastings (Bancroft Hospital) in her memory. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ont. 457–9209.

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**WILKINSON, GLADYS** – (Formerly of Haliburton, Ontario). At Woodstock General Hospital on December 9, 2003 in her 65th year. Beloved companion of Robert Sandrellie. Loving mother of Lisa Beaulieu of Woodstock, Dennis (Joanette) of Toronto, David of Toronto and George of Woodstock. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Chantalle, Joey, Devon and Tyrell. Dear sister of Wayne, Bobby, David, Keith, Kenny, Gail and Sandra. Predeceased by her brother Doug, and sisters Doris and

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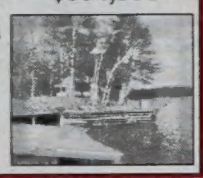

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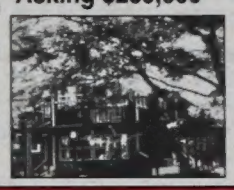

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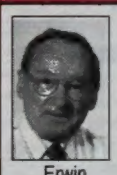

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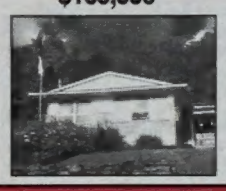

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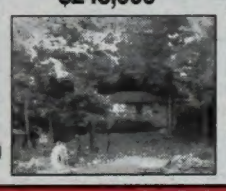

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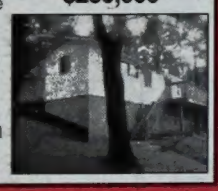

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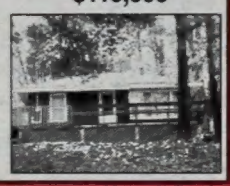

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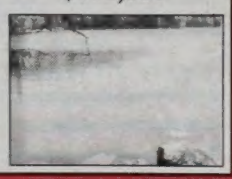

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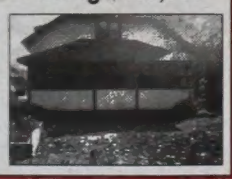

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